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### Jobs complicate the deficit debate

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**WASHINGTON** — President Barack Obama's drive for a supersized budget deal was further complicated Friday by the release of unexpectedly weak employment figures, which Republicans seized on to bolster their arguments against possible tax increases and Democrats said were reason to limit painful spending cuts.



House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) returns to his office after meeting with President Barack Obama and other leaders of the House and Senate. President Obama's drive for a supersized budget deal was further complicated Friday by the release of unexpectedly weak employment figures.  
(S. Crowley/New York Times)

Heading into a crucial weekend of negotiations, Obama said the jobless numbers, and the fragile recovery they underscored, should give both parties even more incentive to strike a deal reducing the deficit and averting the risk of a government default early next month. But the president appeared largely alone in seeing the bad news as a call to boldness.

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## *Atlantis roars into space on final shuttle mission*

The space shuttle Atlantis lifts off from the Kennedy Space Center Friday, July 8, 2011, in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Atlantis is the 135th and final space shuttle launch for NASA.

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**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** -- In a final display of moxie, the last flight of Atlantis, and the space shuttle program, defied the weather gods, thrilling the hundreds of thousands of people who jammed the Space Coast's parks, parking lots and causeways Friday to watch the end of an era.

In a moment of frustration, the 11:26 a.m. ET launch clock came down to 31 seconds, then stopped for about 2 1/2 maddening minutes, when engineers checked to see if a gantry arm had pulled completely away. It seemed an eternity.

Then the clock started again, and a half minute later, Atlantis rose off the pad, with the bright plume of flame and "rat-a-tat" that have become iconic.

The spacecraft disappeared into the clouds within 45 seconds, but that was good enough for launch watchers who

was safely in space, NASA commentator Rob Navias said from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, "for the last time, the shut-



The space shuttle Atlantis astronauts left to right, mission specialists Rex Walheim, Sandy Magnus, pilot Doug Hurley and commander Chris Ferguson wave after leaving the operations and check-out building on their way to the pad at the Kennedy Space Center Friday, July 8, 2011, in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Atlantis is the 135th and final space shuttle launch for NASA.

(AP Photo/John Raoux)

cheered and clapped and shouted, "Go! Go!" and "My goodness."

And when the spaceship

tle's engines have fallen silent."

Persistent rain and thunderstorms over the last day,

and a forecast for more Friday, had dropped the chance of a launch to only 30 percent.

But less than an hour before launch, meteorologists gave a "green," saying clouds had moved off at just the right moment.

"On behalf of the greatest team in the world," Launch Director Mike Leinbach said, "good luck to you and your crew on the final flight of an American icon."

From Atlantis' flight deck, Commander Chris Ferguson replied, "'til the very end, you all made it look easy."

The tension over whether the skies would allow a flight distracted NASA officials from mulling over the knowledge that the storied program's 135th flight will be its last.

But not completely.

"The sense of history and what's been accomplished," Navias said from Houston an hour before

launch, "is palpable."

The shuttle's scheduled return July 20 or July 21 would end three decades of highs and lows, conquest and catastrophe.

What will fly after that is a prospect as cloudy as the skies had been over Kennedy Space Center.

Weather had to be good over both the launch pad and the nearby landing strip, where, if the shuttle had to make an emergency return during ascent, the giant glider would get just one chance, and the crew would need to be able to physically see the runway. Weather also had to be good -- and was -- at emergency landing sites in Europe.

In 135 missions, fallback sites never were needed. And they weren't Friday.

NASA managers had said Thursday they'd launched in conditions where weather had dropped odds to as little as 5 to 20 percent. □

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## For Strauss-Kahn accuser, suing could be an avenue

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The hotel maid who accused Dominique Strauss-Kahn of trying to rape her wants her day in court, her lawyer has said. She still could get it, even if prosecutors decide to drop the criminal case amid what they say are doubts about her trustworthiness. Regardless of what happens in the criminal case, the woman could pursue her claim in a civil lawsuit, a route taken successfully by some after high-profile criminal cases ended without a conviction. While the housekeeper's credibility would still be a significant issue, different legal standards for civil and criminal cases could give her claims — which Strauss-Kahn denies — a greater chance of prevailing in civil court. A civil case can offer the prospect of money and establishing that wrongdoing, if not a crime, was committed.

And for some people, bringing their own cases gives them more of a sense of control, instead of putting themselves in prosecutors' hands. "The civil suit represents the only avenue for the alleged victim herself to achieve justice," says L. Lin Wood, an Atlanta-based attorney who represented a woman who accused NBA star Kobe Bryant of raping her

in a Colorado hotel room. Bryant said the sex was consensual. The criminal case was dropped after the woman told prosecutors she couldn't take part in a trial, but she sued Bryant and reached a confidential settlement that bars Wood from talking about the case itself. For the moment, it's unclear whether Strauss-Kahn's accuser is even contemplating a lawsuit over the alleged attack; her lawyer didn't immediately respond when asked by email Friday. But she already has proven she's willing to litigate: She sued the New York Post over what she said were libelous reports that she was a prostitute. The newspaper says it stands by its reporting. So far, the maid's allegations that 62-year-old Strauss-Kahn sexually assaulted her in his hotel suite on May 14 have not been proven in any court.

A grand jury found there was enough evidence to indict him on attempted rape, committing a criminal sex act and other charges, but an indictment is far short of the legal standard for a conviction. Prosecutors were still deciding what to do with the case on Friday, a week after saying it had been undercut by the 32-year-old accuser's history of falsehoods about her background and her actions right after the encounter. □

## Texas governor defends Mexican's execution

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Associated Press

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Gov. Rick Perry rebuffed criticism Friday from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and others for Texas' execution of a Mexican man whose lawyers

you can expect to face the ultimate penalty under our laws," Perry's spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said a day after convicted killer Humberto Leal was put to death in Huntsville.

Adria Saucedo was killed

moved with his family to the U.S. when he was about 1½ years old. Mexico's government, President Barack Obama's administration and the State Department were among those asking the Supreme Court to stop the execution of the former mechanic to allow Congress time to consider legislation that would require court reviews for condemned foreign nationals who weren't offered the help of their consulates. The high court rejected the request 5-4.

"The secretary herself is quite disappointed in the outcome in this case," Clinton's spokeswoman, Victoria Nuland, said Friday. "You know that the U.S. government sought a stay of Leal's execution in order to give the Congress time to act on the Consular Notification Compliance Act, which would have provided Leal the judicial review required by international law."

"Frankly if we don't protect the rights of non-Americans in the United States, we seriously risk reciprocal lack of access to our own citizens overseas," Nuland said. "So this is why the secretary is concerned. ... We've got to treat non-Americans properly here if we expect to be able to help our citizens overseas."

In Geneva, the U.N.'s top human rights official said Leal's execution amounted to a breach of international law by the U.S. □



**Relatives of Texas death row inmate Humberto Leal prayed at a home in Guadalupe, on the outskirts of Monterrey, Mexico Thursday July 7, 2011. Relatives of Leal gathered to pray and hoped that Texas governor, Rick Perry would spare the convicted murderer's life. Despite appeals from President Barack Obama and other legal and foreign policy experts, Leal was executed by lethal injection at the Texas death chamber in Huntsville for the 1994 rape and murder of a 16-year-old San Antonio girl.**

(AP Photo/Hans Maximo Musielik)

said he was not informed he could have sought legal help from the Mexican government after his arrest for the murder of a San Antonio teenager.

The Texas governor has the authority in execution cases to issue a one-time 30-day reprieve, an authority Perry and other governors in the nation's most active capital punishment state rarely have invoked.

"If you commit the most heinous of crimes in Texas,

in 1994 in a gruesome attack in which her head was bashed with a large piece of asphalt and she was raped, strangled, bitten and left nude on a dirt road with a piece of wood stuck in her. From the Texas death chamber Thursday evening, Leal, 38, took responsibility for the slaying, asked for forgiveness and wrapped up his comments by twice shouting: "Viva Mexico!" He was born in Monterrey, Mexico, and



## Former U.S. first lady Betty Ford dies at 93

DETROIT (AP) — Betty Ford, the former first lady whose triumph over drug and alcohol addiction became a beacon of hope for addicts and the inspiration for her Betty Ford Center, has died, a family friend said Friday. She was 93.

Mrs. Ford's death was confirmed by Marty Allen, chairman emeritus of the Ford Foundation. He did not comment further, and said he expected the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum would release information later.

Betty Ford, whose husband, Gerald, died in December 2006, had undergone surgery for an undisclosed ailment in April 2007. During and after her years in the White House, 1974 to 1977, Mrs. Ford won acclaim for her candor, wit and courage as she fought breast cancer, severe arthritis and the twin addictions of drugs and alcohol. She also pressed for abortion rights and the Equal Rights Amendment.

But it was her Betty Ford Center, a desert oasis that rescued celebrities and ordinary people from addiction, that made her famous in her own right. She was modest about that accomplishment.

"People who get well often say, 'You saved my life,'

and 'You've turned my life around,'" she recalled. "They don't realize we merely provided the means for them to do it themselves and that's all.

"That's a God-given gift as far as I'm concerned. I don't take any credit for providing anything that



**This June 1994 file picture shows former first lady Betty Ford during an interview in New York. On Friday, July 8, 2011, a family friend said that Ford had died at the age of 93.**

(AP Photo/Luc Novovitch)

wasn't provided to me."

After the former president died Dec. 26, 2006, at age 93, his widow said: "His life was filled with love of God, his family and his country." They had been married in 1948, the same year he was elected to Congress.

As she and their children

led the nation in mourning him, Americans were reminded anew of her own contributions, as well as his. It was calculated then that the Betty Ford Center had treated 76,000 people.

"It's hard to imagine a more important figure in the substance abuse field than Mrs. Ford," Rick Rawson, associate director of the integrated substance abuse program at the University of California at Los Angeles, said at the time.

She and her husband had retired to Rancho Mirage after he lost a bruising presidential race to Jimmy Carter in 1976. She went to work on her memoirs, "The Times of My Life," which came out in 1979. But the social whirlwind that engulfed them in Washington was over, and Betty Ford confessed that she missed it.

"We had gone into the campaign to win and it was a great disappointment losing, particularly by such a small margin," she said. "It meant changing my whole lifestyle after 30 years in Washington, and it was quite a traumatic experience." By 1978, she was addicted to alcohol and prescription drugs. She would later describe herself during that period as "this nice, dopey pill-pusher sitting around and nodding." □

## 3 suspected Somali pirates charged with murder

**BROCK VERGAKIS**

**Associated Press**

**NORFOLK, Virginia (AP)** — Three suspected Somali pirates were charged with murder Friday in the slayings of four Americans aboard a hijacked yacht off the coast of Africa in February.

Ahmed Muse Salad, Abukar Osman Beyle and Shani Nurani Shiekh Abrar could face the death penalty if they are convicted. Attorneys for the men could not immediately be reached for comment after business hours Friday.

The Somalis are among 14 men who were charged with piracy, kidnapping and weapons violations in the hijacking of the yacht Quest. Eleven of those men have already pleaded guilty to piracy for their roles in the case, although prosecutors have said none of those men shot the Americans or ordered anyone else to. As part of a plea deal, the pirates agreed to cooperate with authorities in this case and possibly others in exchange for the possibility of having their mandatory life sentences reduced.

The murder charges were among several new charges handed down by a grand jury that carry the possibility of the death penalty. They include hostage taking re-

sulting in death, violence against maritime navigation resulting in death and kidnapping resulting in death. In total, 22 of the 26 counts are death-eligible offenses.

"The charges announced in today's superseding indictment send a strong message to those who seek to harm Americans on the high seas: you will be subject to American justice," FBI Assistant Director in Charge Janice Fedarcyk said in a statement. "Modern-day pirates remain a very real danger; the FBI joins our international law enforcement partners in our mutual goal of maintaining the rule of law on the high seas."

The owners of the Quest, Jean and Scott Adam of California and friends Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay of Washington state were shot to death several days after being taken hostage several hundred miles south of Oman.

The Adams had been sailing full-time on their 58-foot (17-meter) yacht since December 2004 after retiring.

They were the first U.S. citizens killed in a wave of pirate attacks that have plagued the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean in recent years, despite an international flotilla of warships that patrol the area. □

## U.S. Briefs

### Woman sues over gray hair

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A 52-year-old Houston woman is suing after what she says was an order from her boss to dye her shoulder-length gray hair. Sandra Rawline, who was an escrow officer and branch manager at Capital Title of Texas, said she was also instructed to wear "younger fancy suits" and lots of fancy jewelry.

When she refused to dye her hair, Rawline says she was told her services were no longer necessary and she was replaced by a younger woman. Rawline filed an age discrimination and retaliation lawsuit in federal court in Houston. Capital Title of Texas says it didn't terminate Rawline in 2009 because of her age or appearance, but because a customer no longer wanted to do business with her. CEO Bill Shaddock calls the allegations "completely baseless and preposterous." □

### Calvin is 3rd hurricane of season

**MIAMI (AP)** — U.S. forecasters say Calvin has become the third hurricane of the eastern Pacific season.

The storm had maximum sustained winds of about 75 mph (121 kph) and was moving to the west at 13 mph (21 kph).

It was about 340 miles (547 kilometers) south-southwest of Cabo Corrientes, Mexico, and did not immediately threaten land. Calvin was a Category 1 hurricane on Friday.

The U.S. Hurricane Center in Miami says the storm is likely to weaken in the coming days, though it could fluctuate occasionally in intensity. □

### Man charged with killing four

**WHEATLAND, Wyoming (AP)** — A man has been charged with killing his three sons and adult brother and wounding his wife in a string of shootings in a small farming and ranching town. Everett E. Conant III was ordered held without bail during a hearing Friday. He faces charges of first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder and other counts. The murder and attempted-murder charges carry sentences of death or life without parole. Conant's wife, Suzette Ann Conant, was hospitalized in good condition. Police say she was shot in the ankle and shoulder. The judge referred to one of the sons as Joseph. A court document referred to the others as C.C. and E.C. The document indicates their ages were somewhere between 11 and 18. The adult brother was identified as 33-year-old Roland Conant. □

### Mob boss pleads guilty in NYC

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A man authorities say headed a vast network of Armenian gangsters has pleaded guilty in New York to racketeering charges. Armen Kazarian entered the plea in federal court in Manhattan on Friday. Kazarian was accused of being the boss of a network of criminals who used phantom health care clinics and other means to try to cheat Medicare out of \$163 million. U.S. authorities said when they announced the charges that it was the largest fraud by one criminal enterprise in the program's history. The 47-year-old California resident could face up to 20 years in prison. Sentencing was scheduled for Oct. 6. □



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# Republicans seize on weak jobs figures in deficit debate

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Republicans cited the report in renewing their assault on Obama's stewardship of the economy, with lawmakers saying they would not accept tax increases at a moment when the economic recovery appears to be losing steam. And several Democrats said the continued economic hardship made substantial cuts to Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security even harder to contemplate, given that they would hit the poor and the elderly and further reduce whatever support government spending is providing to the economy.

A day after the White House and congressional leaders pledged to pursue the largest possible budget deal — one that could generate up to \$4 trillion in savings over a decade — there was already talk on Capitol Hill about the virtues of the passing something more modest, in the range of \$2 trillion or thereabouts.

Obama has summoned congressional leaders to the White House on Sunday for another bargaining session, at which he said he expected both sides to present their bottom lines for a deal. But the White House is playing down expectations, saying the hard bargaining will happen only in the days after that. On Friday, lawmakers from both parties dug in their heels on any major compromises, sounding familiar themes.

Democrats were particularly rattled after reports this week that Obama was open to cuts in popular entitlement programs like Medicare and Social Security, in return for new revenues.

The House Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who met privately with Obama on Friday morning, told reporters later in the day that her position was firm: "No benefit cuts in Medicare or Social Security." And, she added, "There is serious concern about what's happening in Medicaid as well."

Members of the House Democratic caucus were willing to "cut the president some slack," said Rep. Gerald E. Connolly of Virginia. But he said they insisted that "there will be no benefit cuts in entitlement programs."

Republicans, some of whom have been unnerved by reports that Speaker John A. Boehner told the White House he would consider up to \$1 trillion in new revenues, reiterated their opposition to tax increases.

"Raising taxes on our nation's jobs creators is yet another failed policy that will make the economy worse," Sen. John Thune of North Dakota, a member of the Senate Republican leadership, told reporters. "Instead of looking at ways to raise taxes, we ought to be looking at the countless ways we could reduce federal spending and enact policies to grow the economy and create jobs."

Boehner, several congressional aides said, is aligned with Obama in the belief that a big deal is better than a midrange one. But he, too, blamed the president for the faltering job market, saying it "is more evidence that the misguided 'stimulus' spending binge, excessive regulations and an overwhelming national debt continue to hold back private-sector job creation in our country."



President Barack Obama meets with Congressional leaders in the Cabinet Room in the White House to discuss ongoing efforts to cut the federal deficit in Washington. President Barack Obama's drive for a supersized budget deal was further complicated Friday by the release of unexpectedly weak employment figures, which Republicans seized on to bolster their arguments against possible tax increases. From left: House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), Obama, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.).

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

The speaker also dampened expectations for a quick budget deal, saying, "This is a Rubik's cube that we have not worked out yet."

He stretched his arms wide to illustrate the gulf separating the two sides.

The eye-popping numbers being bandied about attest to the complexity of the challenge. To reach \$4 trillion in savings, economists said, the White House and Congress would have to make changes to the tax code — a complex, politically fraught process that could take months, even years, rather than the two weeks the administration says it has to pass budget legislation before the government loses its borrowing authority Aug. 2. □



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# For ex-couple, an about-face on natural family planning

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In August 1999, Bethany Patchin, an 18-year-old college sophomore from Wisconsin, wrote in an article for Boundless, an evangelical Web magazine, that Christians should not kiss before marriage. Sam Torode, a 23-year-old Chicagoan, replied in a letter to the editor that Patchin's piece could not help but "drive young Christian men mad with desire."

The two began corresponding by email, met in January 2000 and were married that November. Nine months later, Torode (she took her husband's name) gave birth to a son, Gideon. Over the next six years, the Torodes had four more progeny: another son, two daughters and a book, "Open Embrace: A Protestant Couple Rethinks Contraception."

In "Open Embrace," the Torodes endorsed natural family planning – tracking a woman's ovulation and limiting intercourse to days

when she is not fertile – but rejected all forms of artificial contraception, including the pill and condoms. The book sold 7,000 copies

Protestants who conceived their first child on their honeymoon, the Torodes made perfect evangelists. That was then; this is now.



**Bethany Patchin, who wrote with her husband the book "Open Embrace: A Protestant Couple Rethinks Contraception," with her children at home in Nashville, Tenn., July 8, 2011. Patchin's opinion on contraceptives has changed since writing in 1999, at age 18, that Christians should not even kiss before marriage. (Josh Anderson/The New York Times)**

after its publication in 2002 and was celebrated in the anticontraception movement, which remains largely Roman Catholic but has a growing conservative Protestant wing. As young

In 2006, the Torodes wrote on the Web that they no longer believed natural family planning was the best method of birth control. They divorced in 2009. Both attend liberal churches. Patchin – that is her name once again – now says she uses birth control, and she even voted for Barack Obama. "I was 19 when we got married," said Patchin,

speaking by telephone from Nashville, Tenn., where she and her former husband live and share custody of their four children. "And I was 20 when we had Gideon. My parents weren't anti-birth-control; they were pretty middle-ground evangelicals. So I kind of rebelled by being more conservative. That was my identity."

The book that she and Torode wrote two years into their marriage is quite short and quite sweet, an earnest work whose hopefulness one badly wants to share. Procreation is "the umbrella under which the other aspects of marriage are nurtured," they wrote. Sex is "a joyous song of praise to the Creator," and "having children (or adopting them) brings husbands and wives closer together and expands the community of love." They concluded succinctly: "When we should be saying 'I do,' contraception says, 'I do not.'" "Open Embrace" also embraced the view that children stabilize marriage, for "with each child a couple has, their chances of divorce are significantly reduced." So what went wrong for the Torodes, whose children now range in age from 4 to

9? Among other challenges, Patchin, now 30, had unplanned pregnancies. "I got pregnant nursing twice," she told me. "So my first two kids are 15 months apart, then there is a three-year break, then the younger two are a year-and-a-half apart. That was intense. Beyond hormonally intense, it was relationally intense. It was nothing I would ever want anyone else to have to experience." In their 2006 statement on the Web, the couple wrote that natural family planning could harm a marriage, even when it worked. "Wanting to make love to your spouse often is a good thing, but NFP often lays an unfair burden of guilt on men for feeling this," the Torodes wrote. And it is "a theological attack on women to always require that abstinence during the time of the wife's peak sexual desire (ovulation) for the entire duration of her fertile life, except for the handful of times when she conceives." The couple left Wisconsin for Nashville in 2007, after Patchin had what she called an "intuition." Every time the song "Tennessee," by Mindy Smith, came on the radio, she started crying. □

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# New legislation is sought after Anthony verdict

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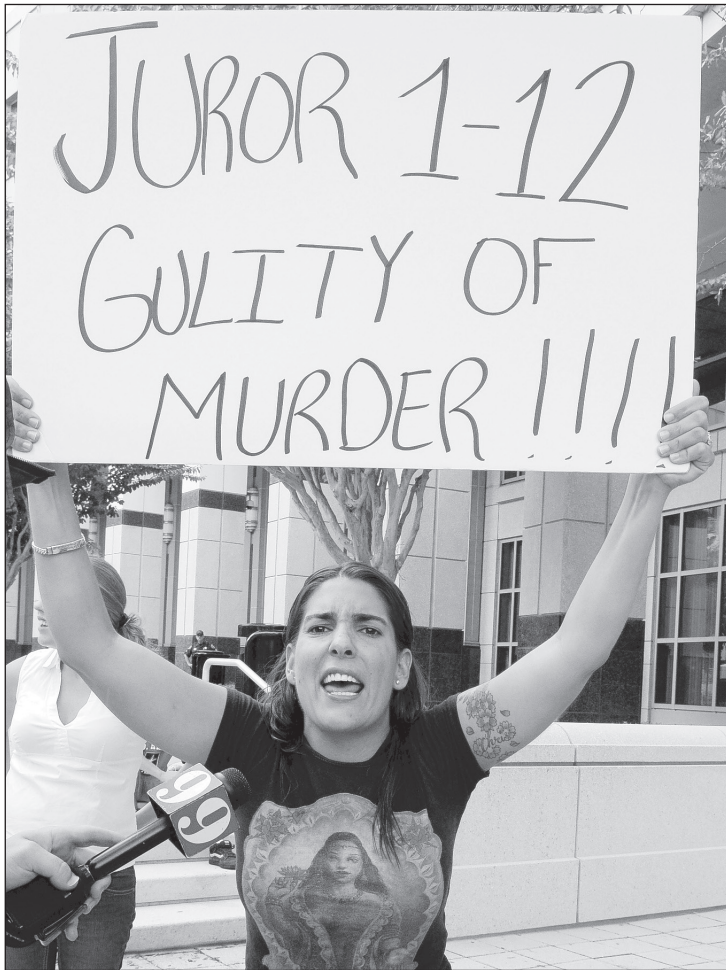
The jury has spoken, the public has seethed and now it is time for politicians to offer their opinions on the verdict that dominated the news.

Their view? Not in my state. Legislators in over a dozen states have introduced bills that would make it a felony for a parent to not report the death or disappearance of a child within a certain window of time. Such legislation would have criminalized the behavior of Casey Anthony, the Florida woman acquitted on Tuesday of killing her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee. Anthony did not report her daughter missing for 31 days.

"Justice did not prevail in Florida," said State Rep. Richard Henderson, D-Ky. "Maybe this will change a deranged person's mind in the future. Or maybe it will just give the judicial system another weapon in its arsenal to seek justice."

Following a long tradition, the bills are named after the young victim in the case. Like Jessica's Law and Megan's Law, which punish sex offenders, and Kyleigh's Law, which promotes safe driving, these are called Caylee's Law.

"When lawmakers name it after a sympathetic figure, especially a child, it increases the likelihood that people will vote for it on an emotional level," said Kevin



Michelle Caballero, of Miami, protests the Casey Anthony verdict outside the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, Fla. Legislators in over a dozen states have introduced bills that would make it a felony for a parent to not report the death or disappearance of a child within a certain window of time.

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Underhill, a San Francisco lawyer and legal blogger. But he warns that the bills cover very rare situations and could be overused. He offered the example of a parent whose child runs away from home. The push for Caylee's Law began hours after the verdict. A 30-year-old, unem-

ployed woman in Durant, Okla., named Michelle Crowder created a petition Tuesday on the website Change.org calling for action from everyone from state representatives to members of Congress to President Barack Obama. It has now received more than 700,000 signatures.



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# South Sudan becomes world's newest nation

**MAGGIE FICK**

**Associated Press**

**JUBA, South Sudan (AP)** —

South Sudan became the world's newest nation early Saturday, officially breaking away from Sudan after two civil wars over five decades that cost the lives of millions. In the new country's capital, Juba, streets pulsed with excitement. Residents danced, banged on jerry cans and chanted the name of the world's newest president, Salva Kiir. One man knelt and kissed the ground as a group ran through the streets singing "We will never, never, never surrender."

"Ah, I'm free," said Daniel Deng, a 27-year-old police officer and former soldier who broke out in a wide grin. The Republic of South Sudan earned independence at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, breaking Africa's largest country in two. It marked the culmination of a January independence vote, which was guaranteed in a 2005 peace deal that ended the most recent north-south war.

After the celebrations die down, residents of South Sudan face an uphill climb. While the new country is oil-rich, it is one of the poorest and least-developed places on Earth.

Unresolved problems between the south and its former foe to the north could mean new conflict along the new international border, advocates and diplomats warn. Saturday's early morning cel-

ebrations were joyous for the freedom gained but tinged with the memories of family lost. At least 2 million people were killed in Sudan's last civil war,

war. All of us," he said, then pointed at a crowded pick-up truck of youngsters. "This generation will see the hope of the newborn nation."

new country?"

The internationally brokered 2005 peace deal that ended more than two decades of north-south war expires at mid-

Ki-moon already has arrived. Former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell also will attend, as will Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, whose country already has recognized South Sudan.

The young government faces the huge challenge of reforming its bloated and often predatory army, diversifying its oil-based economy, and deciding how political power will be distributed among the dozens of ethnic and military factions. It must also begin delivering basic needs such as education, health services, water and electricity to its more than 8 million citizens.

Abdulle Taban wore a wide smile during the night's street party, but the 25-year-old was also reflective.

"In independence we are going to have hospitals and schools and a lot of development around here. Our mothers and sisters died in the past. Hospitals were very far from us," said Taban, as South Sudanese dusted in white cow dung — a traditional camouflage here — danced around him.

A draft constitution passed this week lays the groundwork for the president and legislators, who were elected last year, to serve out their five-year terms. The legislature's few opposition lawmakers are unhappy with the draft, but it now serves as an interim constitution until multiparty elections are held. □



**U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, center, arrives in Juba, Sudan, on Friday, July 8, 2011. Ki-moon, along with numerous other foreign dignitaries and presidents are arriving in Juba to celebrate the independence of Southern Sudan today, Saturday, July 9, 2011.**

(AP Photo/Andrew Burton)

fought from 1983-2005.

"I came here for this moment," said Chol Allen, a 32-year-old minister who escaped Sudan in 2003 and eventually settled in Memphis, Tennessee. He returned to Juba two months ago for the mid-night party, though he plans to go back to the U.S., where he has a 4-year-old daughter.

"We were all born into

John Kuach, a former child soldier who joined the army after his father died in fighting with the north, first fought at age 15. At dinner late Friday, he draped the South Sudan flag around his shoulders and called Saturday "a big day."

"But some people are not happy because we lost heroes, those who were supposed to be in this celebration. So we are thinking, 'Is this true? Is this a dream? A

night Friday. That's when Sudan — which South Sudan is breaking away from — officially recognized the new country. South Sudan is expected to become the 193rd country recognized by the United Nations next week and the 54th U.N. member state in Africa. Later Saturday, world leaders will attend a celebratory ceremony. U.N. Secretary-General Ban

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## Competing Yemen rallies show divide

**AHMED AL-HAJ  
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**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Supporters and opponents of President Ali Abdullah Saleh staged competing marches in Yemen's capital Friday, a day after his first TV appearance in a month, highlighting the deep political rift that could tear apart this impoverished, gun-ridden nation.

Saleh appeared on state TV late Thursday, a first since flying to Saudi Arabia a month ago to treat wounds sustained in an attack on his palace.

The video showed the leader with casts on his arms and visibly weakened after a series of operations, reinforcing speculation that he won't return to Yemen soon. Saleh did not say if or when he plans to return, adding a new twist to a five-month-old rebellion seeking to topple his authoritarian regime. The uprising has battered Yemen's economy and destabilized the Arab world's poorest nation, which is also home to one of al-Qaida's most active branches. The U.S. and others worry al-Qaida could exploit chaos in Yemen to expand its bases in Yemen's weakly governed provinces.

Saleh backers responded to the video by firing guns in the air in celebration, and at least 11 people died from gunshot wounds across Yemen.

In the capital Sanaa, thousands of Saleh supporters rallied outside his palace Friday, bearing large photos of the leader and the Saudi monarch, thanking him for hosting Saleh. □

## Bolstered by support, Syrians pour into streets

**BASSEM MROUE  
E. A. KENNEDY**  
Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Hundreds of thousands of Syrians poured into the streets of

13 people, activists said. But Hama's protest was by far the largest, galvanizing residents in a city that has drawn the biggest crowds since the revolt began

burning tires and concrete blocks to prevent security forces from storming into the city.

"As long as we have no security forces, we have no

estimated at least 200,000 — and likely far more — turned out.

Syria has banned nearly all foreign media and restricted media coverage, making it nearly impossible to independently verify events on the ground.

The U.S. and French ambassadors traveled to Hama in separate trips Thursday and left on Friday before the protests kicked off, according to officials in Washington and Paris.

In a video posted on YouTube that purports to show Ford in an SUV near Hama's central Assi Square, people tossed flowers and olive branches onto the vehicle and shouted for the downfall of the regime.

The Syrian government did not comment on French Ambassador Eric Chevalier's trip to Hama. But the regime seized on Ford's visit to insist that foreign conspirators are behind the unrest, not true reform-seekers. Relations between the U.S. and Syria are chronically strained over Assad's ties with Iran.

"The presence of the U.S. ambassador in Hama without obtaining prior permission from the Foreign Ministry as stipulated by instructions distributed repeatedly to all the embassies is clear evidence of the U.S. involvement in the ongoing events in Syria," the state-run news agency reported Friday, citing an unnamed "official source" at the Foreign Ministry. The U.S. is trying to "aggravate the situations which destabilize Syria," the statement said. The State Department spokeswoman said the U.S. informed the Syrian government of his travels ahead of time and she noted the Syrian ambassador in Washington can move freely around the U.S. □



**In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA and according to them, Pro-Syrian President Bashar Assad protesters, wave their national country flags as they protest to show their support for their president, at al-Hijaz square in Damascus, Syria, on Friday July 8, 2011. Hundreds of thousands of Syrians poured into the streets of Hama on Friday, bolstered by a gesture of support from the American and French ambassadors who visited the city where a massacre nearly 30 years ago came to symbolize the ruthlessness of the Assad dynasty.**

(AP Photo/SANA)

the opposition stronghold Hama on Friday, bolstered by a gesture of support from the American and French ambassadors who visited the city where a massacre nearly 30 years ago came to symbolize the ruthlessness of the Assad dynasty. The visit by U.S. Ambassador Robert Ford drew swift condemnation from the Syrian government, which said the unauthorized trip was proof that Washington was inciting violence in the Arab nation.

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland called the charge "absolute rubbish." Mass demonstrations also erupted in cities and towns nationwide, triggering a crackdown that killed at least

nearly four months ago.

Although President Bashar Assad still has a firm grip on power, international criticism over the brutal crackdown has left his regime shaken and isolated as it struggles to contain a protest movement that refuses to die. The protesters have yet to come out in sustained numbers in the largest cities, the capital Damascus and Aleppo, although there were scattered protests Friday and security forces killed one protester in Damascus.

The regime has staged large demonstrations in the capital, including on Friday, to showcase its support. In recent days, Hama residents have largely sealed off their city, setting up makeshift checkpoints with

violence," a Hama resident told The Associated Press by telephone from the city, asking that his name not be published out of fear for his safety. Hama poses a potential dilemma for the Syrian regime because of its place as a symbol of opposition to the rule of the Assad family. In 1982, the late Hafez Assad ordered troops to crush a rebellion by Islamist forces, killing between 10,000 and 25,000 people, rights activists say. A major offensive could make the city a fresh rallying cry for the opposition. It appeared that the latest crowds approached those from a week earlier, when an estimated 300,000 people protested, although the figures could not be confirmed. Three activists



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## Mullen visits China as Navy drill nearby wraps up

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**Associated Press**

**CHINA/WASHINGTON (AP)**

— The top U.S. military officer is traveling to China this weekend, just as a multinational Navy exposition wraps up in neighboring Brunei with a drill in the hotly-contested South China Sea. Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, left Friday and is expected to arrive in China on Sunday to begin four days of meetings with Chinese military officials and visits to military units in Beijing and along the eastern coast.

His visit is part of an ongoing effort to ease frosty relations with Beijing, after a series of setbacks in recent years including U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, repeated incidents of cyberattacks emanating from China, and concerns about that nation's growing military buildup.

But Mullen's arrival will coincide with what Pentagon

officials called a low-level, routine communications drill about about 5.7 miles (9 kilometers) off the coast of Brunei, in the southern edge of the vast South China Sea.

China regards the entire South China Sea and island groups within it as its



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own and interprets international law as giving it the right to police foreign naval activity there. The U.S. insists that its Navy has a right to transit the area and collect surveillance data, and has supported multilateral negotiations to resolve the differences.

On Friday, Mullen spokesman Capt. John Kirby called the drill a "freedom of navigation exercise in international waters," and said it "poses no threat to any nation in the region, and shouldn't be taken that way."

The naval exposition, BRIDEX2011 is taking place in Brunei, and wraps up Saturday with a fleet review and what is called a "passing exercise." During that drill, ships practice communications with each other as they pass, and in some cases they will do brief exchanges of staff or aircraft. The USS Preble, a Navy destroyer, is slated to participate in the drill. □

## Caribbean Briefs

### Venezuelan faces \$1.7M fraud case

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)** — A Venezuelan businessman accused of falsifying at least \$1.7 million in receipts to evade taxes has turned himself in to authorities in the Dominican Republic. Prosecutor Rene Sanchez says Carlos Guerrero Costas arrived late Thursday. Guerrero is president of the Venezuelan company Atlas Marine Caribbean Inc. The company has operated in the Dominican Republic since 2007, doing fuel inspections and certification services for gas stations. Company's economic consultant Victor Contreras has remained in prison in the Dominican Republic since September. □

### Party expulsion order overturned

**HAVANA (AP)** — A prominent Cuban intellectual who came under fire for an unusually frank article denouncing high-level corruption says an order expelling him from the Communist Party has been overturned. Esteban Morales wrote Thursday on his personal website that a party appeals commission called him in last week to tell him of its ruling. An economist and columnist known for his work on topics including racism and U.S. relations, Morales published the article that got him into trouble in April 2010 on the website of the National Union of Writers and Artists. He wrote that some top officials were preparing to divide the spoils if Cuba's communist political system disintegrates, and that graft posed a greater threat to the state than the island's small, fractured community of dissidents. "Corruption is the true counterrevolution," Morales wrote. The essay broke a taboo by openly discussing corruption rumors surrounding the dismissal of a top government aviation official who had fought alongside Fidel and Raul Castro and Ernesto "Che" Guevara in the 1950s. In the following months, authorities have reported trials and convictions of dozens of Cubans, including one former Cabinet minister and at least three foreign businessmen who were accused of falsifying documents, fraud against the state and even laundering drug money. □

## Colombia's Santos apologizes for 2000 massacre

**LIBARDO CARDONA**

**Associated Press**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)**

— President Juan Manuel Santos asked for forgiveness Friday from victims and survivors of a 2000 massacre by right-wing paramilitaries that is considered one of the bloodiest chapters in Colombia's long internal conflict.

A report from the National Commission of Reparation and Reconciliation says at least 60 people were killed in the town of El Salado in northern Bolivar province between Feb. 16 and Feb. 21, 2000.

"I come to ask the victims for pardon, pardon in the name of the State, pardon in the name of all society," Santos said in El Salado, which is 350 miles (560 kilometers) northwest of Bogota. Santos, who took office in August 2010, acknowledged that "there were omissions" by the government that allowed the massacre to happen.

The president didn't detail the "omissions," but reports have said troops stationed in the area didn't act to stop the massacre.

"We are committed to repairing the pain and look-

ing forward and healing the wounds," Santos said in a speech posted on the presidency's website. What happened in El Salado should not be forgotten "so it is never repeated," he said.

It is not the first a Colombia president has asked for forgiveness for a mass killing. In 1997, then-President Ernesto Samper asked for pardon from the victims of the so-called Trujillo massacre in southwestern Colombia in which about 200 people were slain by drug traffickers and paramilitaries. □

### Jamaica approves wage increase

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — Thousands of public sector workers in Jamaica are getting a 7 percent salary increase after a two-year freeze caused by the global economic crisis. A government statement says nearly 126,000 workers will receive a pay increase starting in September. A total of \$248 million in retroactive pay also will be distributed from May 2012 through May 2014. Prime Minister Bruce Golding says the IMF is concerned about how the deal will affect government revenues. Last year, the IMF approved a \$1.27 billion loan to help the island's struggling economy. Union leaders have been in negotiations with the government for 27 months regarding pay increases. The deal was signed on Thursday. □



# Second Brazilian official quits amid corruption allegations

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**SAO PAULO** – The resignation this week of another minister in the government of Dilma Rousseff, president of Brazil, may have added to the tumult of

analysts said.

The resignation of Transportation Minister Alfredo Nascimento is giving Rousseff a chance to further distance herself from the government of her mentor and predecessor, former

tions of corruption involving overbilling and solicitation of bribes. He is the second minister to fall for suspected corruption since Rousseff became president six months ago.

Last month, Antonio Palocci, the chief of staff and most important political adviser to the president, resigned amid accusations that he had illegally enriched himself with consulting work while a congressman and manager of Rousseff's presidential campaign.

Both ministers were holdovers from the previous

administration.

"She is gradually reducing the number of Lulaistas that he imposed on her," said David Fleischer, a political science professor at Brasilia University. "She is branding her own government rather than making this a third term for Lula."

While the president appeared to be caught by surprise in the Palocci case, this time it was Rousseff who was seeking answers for why the Transportation Ministry had appeared to increase the value of several contracts for highway and rail projects.

The scandal became public when the Brazilian magazine *Veja* reported that Rousseff had questioned the leadership of the Transportation Ministry, which controls important infrastructure projects for the World Cup in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016, about the apparent overbilling.

The magazine reported that the ministry had solicited kickbacks from engineering and construction companies, and that the majority of the payments flowed to Nascimento's political party. □



In this picture made available by Miss Italy in the World press office, Friday, July 8, 2011, Silvia Novais of Brazil poses for photographers in front of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome Thursday, July 7, 2011. Silvia was voted "Miss Italy in the World" last Tuesday. (AP Photo)

her nascent presidency, but it is also showing that her managerial push for efficiency could make it tougher for corruption to persist in her administration,

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Nascimento, who had served in the same post under da Silva, resigned Wednesday amid accusa-

## Congo plane crashes; more than 50 dead

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Associated Press

**KINSHASA, Congo (AP)** —

A plane crashed in a thunderstorm as it was attempting to land in the Congo Friday, killing at least 48 people, and leaving a dozen or more buried in the wreckage. 53 passengers survived.

I confirm the crash of one

of our planes," said Stavros Papaioannou, the chairman and CEO of Hewa Bora Airways told The Associated Press by telephone. "There are already 46 bodies at the morgue, and another two that just died in the hospital."

He added that a "dozen or more" people were still stuck inside the plane. □



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# Malaysia to lock down largest city to block rally

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Associated Press

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Malaysian police

said they will shut major roads and suspend public transportation into Kuala Lumpur's city center to thwart opposition-backed activists, who vowed Friday to press ahead with a banned rally for electoral reforms.

The escalated political tension presents a major challenge for Prime Minister Najib Razak's long-ruling coalition ahead of general

elections widely expected next year.

Kuala Lumpur Police Chief Amar Singh announced late Thursday that major roads into the city would be shut for 22 hours starting midnight Friday, affecting bus and rail transit services. He said police have also obtained court orders to bar dozens of opposition and civic group leaders from entering the city's central business district on Saturday. The atmosphere was tense in the city Friday, with dozens of police of-

ficers patrolling unusually quiet streets and riot police trucks stationed at strategic locations. "The police plan to lock down downtown Kuala Lumpur is unprecedented since 1969 when racial riots occurred," said James Chin, a political science lecturer at Monash University in Malaysia.

Chin said the opposition alliance led by former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim hopes to receive a boost from the rally ahead of the national polls. He said two large anti-govern-



**A Malaysian policeman lines up a gate on a road in front of independence square in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Friday, July 8, 2011. Malaysian police said they will shut major roads and suspend public transportation into Kuala Lumpur's city center to thwart opposition-backed activists, who vowed Friday to press ahead with a banned rally for electoral reforms.**

(AP Photo/Vincent Thian)

ment rallies in 2007 helped Anwar's alliance win more than one third of the parliamentary seats in 2008 polls in the government's worst electoral setback.

"I think the government has overreacted by cracking down so harshly. There could be a blowback in the next general elections among urban voters," he added. More than 200 people linked to Saturday's demonstration have been detained in the past few weeks. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said that the U.S. has been

communicating to Malaysia the importance of respecting human rights, including freedom of expression and assembly. "We consider it incumbent on all sides to refrain from violence, particularly if we're going to have another rally tomorrow," she told a news conference Friday. He rally's organizers, the Bersih coalition of 62 civic groups, insisted supporters would gather at a downtown stadium Saturday to demand changes in election laws to curb fraud, and urged Najib to call off the clampdown that "fits the style of dictators." □



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# Senegal to extradite Habre

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Associated Press

**DAKAR, Senegal (AP)** — In a puzzling twist to a 20-year saga, Senegal's government informed Chad's government Friday that former dictator Hissene Habre will next week be extradited on a special flight to face trial in his home country where victims dub him "The Butcher."

Habre sought refuge in Senegal in 1990 after being toppled in a coup, and has lived freely despite an indictment by a Senegalese judge on charges of crimes against humanity. The lack of action on his case has become a symbol of Africa's unwillingness to try its own.

Abderaman Djasnabaille, the Chadian minister of human rights, told The Associated Press by telephone that he was "astonished" by the news. He said that Chad was informed by a letter sent by Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade.

"We received a correspondence from Wade saying he plans to send Hissene Habre back to us this Monday, July 11," said Djasnabaille. "We were surprised, to say the least."

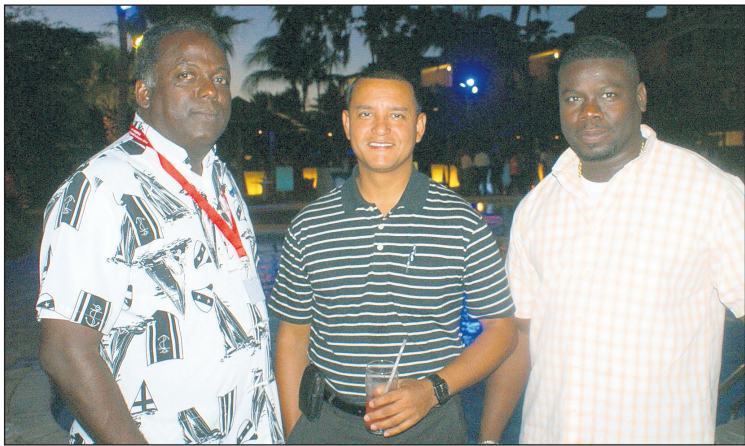
For more than 20 years, victims of torture who survived the gulags established by the Chadian ruler have lobbied to bring him to justice, though Friday's turn of events is not exactly what they had in mind. □





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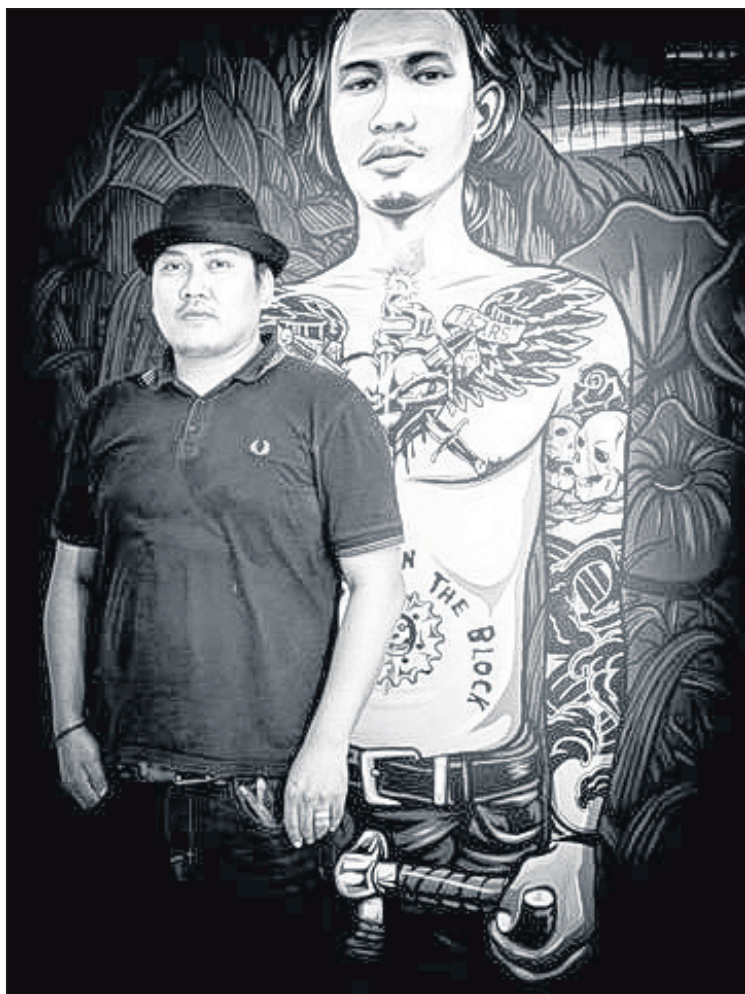


**ORANJESTAD** – Senior police Chiefs attending INTERPOL's 21<sup>st</sup> Americas regional Conference, enjoyed 3 days of meetings at the Westin Aruba Resort, laced with social functions flavored by genuine island hospitality. The conference welcome cocktail party unfolded at Divi Village, on the tropical pool deck, and was catered the popular Seabreeze restaurant. The party was co-hosted by the Aruba Tourism Authority and by the Ministry of Justice. CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes welcomed all delegates to Aruba on behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, inviting them to also enjoy a bit of a vacation while on the island on business and networking opportunities. Aruba's Minister of Justice and Education Arthur Dowers who also attended the party and served as one of the key note speakers during the conference, mingled with the top policing officials, more than 70 senior law enforcement officials from 32 countries and three international organizations. Delegates were also welcomed by the local Commissioner of Police Adolfo Richardson. Pictured here the decorated pool deck at Divi Village, serving as a gracious party venue. □





# Louis Vuitton Trans-Figurations - Indonesian Mythologies



**ORANJESTAD** – The Aruba Boutiques announces the 16th exhibition, the Espace culturel Louis Vuitton continues its regular exploration of emerging artistic scenes in distant countries with the presentation of Trans-Figurations - Indonesian Mythologies. Starting June 24th, the Espace culturel in-

vites visitors to discover an energetic and effervescent generation of Indonesian artists.

Consisting of more than seventeen thousand islands and a population of two hundred and forty million inhabitants, Indonesia is the fourth most highly populated country in the world.

Nowadays, it is a secular democracy in which all religious movements live side by side. At the centre of the island of Java is the city of Yogyakarta, a real "hive of artistic activity" marked by its ancient beliefs, its history and its geography, which are a continual source of inspiration for artists. There, at the foot of the Merapi Volcano (one of the most active in the world), lives the majority of the eleven artists whose work will be displayed. They have come to Paris to produce a new work or reconfigure specially selected works, showcased by Alain Batifoulier's decisively contemporary scenography.

The Christian term "Transfiguration" seems to correspond to this desire for change, both with Agung Kurniawan's sculptures, which bring traditional shadow theatres back to life, and with Heri Dono's contemporary angels.

In the videos "War of Java" and "Pilgrims and Plagues", Jompi Jompot evokes the spirits of the ancestors and transposes the traditional dances and processions into different spaces.

Arie Dyanto's "autofictions", Bayu Widodo's poetic and narrative drawings and Ariadhitya Parmuhendra's "Christian" drawings question both the place of the artist and the very status of Indonesian society. Tintin Wulia's installation/performance expresses both the randomness and the determinism of the notion of nationality in a country that has experienced several occupations and has built its identity based on the upheavals of its history. The humorous hybrid figures that illustrate Eko Nugroho's embroideries and wall paintings along with Mella Jaarsma's "Fire-eat-



ers" installed in the window display on rue de Bassano become the new heroes of a make-believe contemporary mythology.

The architect Eko Prawoto has - with great simplicity - built an imposing modernist temple with over 1,800 bamboo canes, while director and producer Garin Nugroho deploys a video presentation in several chapters, which is based on a sculpture, the symbol of the protective Mother.

Like the works presented in the Trans-Figurations - Indonesian Mythologies exhibition, Java depicts the

change in the continuity of an earth that unceasingly expresses itself, moving and groaning, in both the literal and figurative sense, expressive and animated, strong and fragile.

Artists: Heri Dono, Arie Dyanto, Mella Jaarsma, Jompi Jompot, Agung Kurniawan, Eko Nugroho, Garin Nugroho, Ariadhitya Pramuhendra, Eko Prawoto, Bayu Widodo, Tintin Wulia

Exhibition curator: Hervé Mikaeloff

Exhibition set designers: Alain Batifoulier and Simon de Tovar





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# BK Consult chooses local store EQ3 Furniture + Accents



**Oranjestad** -- BK Consult, an architectural firm specializing in project realization and management including architectural design and engineering, is just completing the construction and furnishing of its new headquarters in Oranjestad. True to the company's core values BK Consult is showcasing its contemporary approach to business and functionality with its own office building, situated on Galileistraat 2, in the heart of Oranjestad, contributing to the town's much-needed urban revival. The man at the helm, Bert Kamsteeg, reports the new building is a perfect example of integrated architectural design and technology creating a sustainable building with the final goal of creating a co-efficiency of all components, thereby reducing the Carbon Footprint of the structure significantly, which is excellent news for the island's environment, he explains, as well as good news for

the developer: The building's design will save in energy consumption, and create much less pollution when operational. To complement the clever interior design, Kamsteeg approached Lynn Maduro of local furniture store EQ3 Furniture + Accents last year with his floor-plans, while the new building was just starting construction. He had a vision of a modern office space, with a natural warm feeling to the décor, making the workplace inviting for workers and visitors, inspiring cozy as well as efficient and comfortable feelings. That spirit of contemporary comfort was captured nicely in the Library, as depicted in our pictures, a space where architectural, engineering reference books, and magazines are kept. The space boasts a sitting area, among a profusion of plants. The green-house feel of the area promotes creativity, growth and introspection,



befitting a place of learning such as the Library! Kamsteeg's vision is also reflected in the outdoor facade, where the old stone strikes a contrast with the new glass elements, working together to aesthetically juxtapose past and present. EQ3 assisted in creating the office business decor, and together with Kamsteeg plans, were put in motion. To achieve a green-house effect of the Library, a number of EQ3 elements were put together such as four Mollie Chairs in Wintergreen fabric, clustered around the Block glass top cocktail table. The room's reading materials are organized in the Grid series storage units with three Monaco lamps, in silver, lending the warm illumination to the space. The Conference Room features the ever so popular

Twist Office Chairs, which are classic design pieces, two Monaco lamps in black, befitting the business atmosphere and a little lounge area in the back corner furnished with The Replay Loveseat in dramatic bordeaux fabric, two functional and comfortable Karbon Swivel Rocking Chairs, in grey fabric, the Boom Cocktail Table and the Boom Plasma Unit for the entertainment center. The Cast Floor Lamp and the Orchid Shaggy Rug, tie all the pieces together, and

the two Topsy vases with fresh local flowers from Kamsteeg's own garden, add the final homey touch. Against Aruba's business background where things are often instantly shabby, built in a rush, slapped together without much thought the BK Consult building stands proud. It is a testimony to the talents of its residents, adding a classy look to the street, as a tribute to Galilei, the Old Italian Astronomer and Philosopher would have been proud! □





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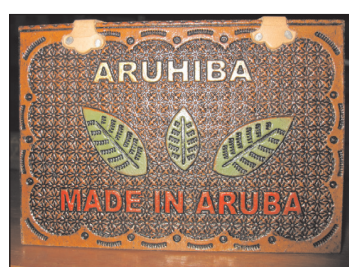
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# Warm-up for worlds, Bolt wins in Areva meet

Jamaican champion Usain Bolt greets the crowd after winning the Men's 200m race during the final of the IAAF Grand Prix track and field meeting at the Stade de France stadium in Saint Denis outside Paris. Friday, July 8, 2011.

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## SPORTS Aruba TODAY

### JETER METER



New York Yankees fans hold up the number of hits Derek Jeter has, during his at-bat in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday, July 7, 2011, at Yankee Stadium in New York. Jeter grounded out to end the game as Tampa Bay won 5-1.

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### Appeal court backs lockout, overturns ruling

**BARRY WILNER**  
AP Pro Football Writer  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday threw out a judge's order lifting the NFL lockout, handing the league a victory as players and owners returned to negotiations. The ruling was issued shortly after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA chief DeMaurice Smith opened a second straight day of labor talks at a law firm in Manhattan. The court overturned an April 25 decision by U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson that the lockout should be lifted because players were suffering irreparable harm. □



### YAO~CH!

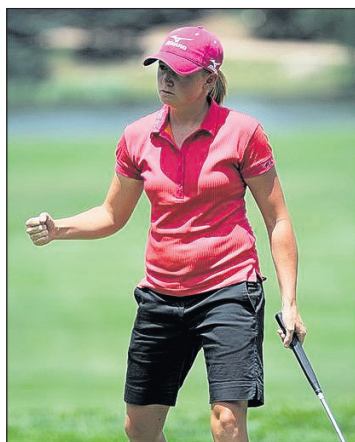
### Houston Rockets center Yao Ming retires from NBA

This Nov. 17, 2002 file photo shows Houston Rockets' Yao Ming reacting after scoring against the Los Angeles Lakers, in Los Angeles. Yahoo! Sports is reporting that Yao Ming is retiring from basketball. The 7-foot-6 Houston Rockets center, plagued by lower-body injuries in the second half of his career, has informed the league office that his playing career is over, the website reported.

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# Lewis on top at Open with long day on tap



**Stacy Lewis pumps her first after making a birdie on the sixth hole during the weather delayed first round of the Women's U.S. Open golf tournament at the Broadmoor Golf Club on Friday, July 8, 2011, in Colorado Springs, Colo.**

**Associated Press**

**EDDIE PELLIS**

**AP National Writer**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)** — Stacy Lewis

waited an entire day to hit her first shot at the U.S. Women's Open. It didn't take nearly as long for her to find the top of the leaderboard.

Seeking her second major championship of the season, Lewis made four birdies over the last nine holes of the first round Friday to take a one-shot lead into lunch. Less than an hour later, she was back on the course for the second round — a 36-hole day on tap, as the players try to make up ground after being rained out Thursday.

The delays will turn the U.S. Open into a bigger endurance contest than it already is. But for starters, Lewis was in good form.

"It's in the back of your mind when you're walking up those hills at the end," Lewis said of the long day of golf. "But everybody's got to do

it, so you've just got to go out and do it, too."

Trailing Lewis by a shot were and Ryann O'Toole and newly turned pro Lizette Salas, who also had afternoon tee times. "It's kind of nerve wracking, but it comes with the territory," said Salas, a four-time All-American from Southern California.

Also in the three-way tie for second was amateur Amy Anderson, who came to the Broadmoor early Friday to finish her first round, but won't start her second until Saturday morning, at the earliest. "It's exciting; hasn't sunk in," said Anderson, a second-team All-American at North Dakota State. "To me, it's felt like another tournament, just on the tour."

All the tour's best are here, though Lewis, who won the Kraft Nabisco earlier this year, came in overshadowed — like everybody

else — by Yani Tseng. Tseng is seeking to complete the career Grand Slam and is only two weeks removed from a 10-stroke victory at the LPGA Championship.

She went wire-to-wire in that one, but won't repeat that at the 7,000-yard Broadmoor. She struggled keeping it straight — hitting only eight of 14 fairways — and finished the first round at 2-over 73.

"I kind of got used to the golf course," Tseng said. "And then, I just kind of have to go back in the afternoon."

Tseng was one shot behind defending champion Paula Creamer, who hit 14 greens in regulation but was often hitting her first putts from 20, 30 feet away.

"You can definitely shoot a good score," Creamer said after her 72. "Maybe one green I missed all day, but

I just had some three-putts." Karrie Webb was in a six-way tie for fifth at 1-under 70. Webb was among those who came to the course early to finish her round. She played three holes, made a birdie on the last one, then went home to sit through a long wait.

Cristie Kerr also had a quick day. Kerr shared the lead with Anderson overnight and faced a long bunker shot in front of the seventh green when she returned early Friday. She couldn't save par there and also bogeyed No. 8. She finished her round at even-par 71, but walked off the course with a good outlook.

"I'm not going to stress over it," she said. "I'm pleased I have a lot of time to work on my game with my coach. I'm going to get rested up, because it's going to be a long weekend." □

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# Report: Yao decides to retire

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Houston Rockets center Yao Ming is retiring, according to a report by Yahoo! Sports.

The 7-foot-6 Chinese star, plagued by lower-body injuries in the second half of his career, has informed the league office that his playing career is over, the website reported on Friday.

The Rockets declined to comment on the report because of the lockout, and the NBA has not received official retirement paperwork from Yao.

Yao's contract expired after last season, and the Rockets said they were interested in re-signing him if he came back healthy. Yao said in April in China that his professional future depended on his recovery from a stress fracture in his left ankle.

John Huizinga, one of Yao's American agents, would not confirm the report during a phone interview on Friday. He said Yao's recovery was "on track," but Yao's future with the Rockets has been uncertain for some time.

"He's really enjoyed his time in Houston," Huizinga said. "If he feels that he's recovered enough to play, and if the lockout ever ends, and if the Rockets are interested in him, then there's certainly a good chance he'll stay in Houston."

"But there are a whole lot of 'ifs' in that statement."

An eight-time All-Star selection,

Yao averaged 19 points and 9.2 rebounds in his eight seasons, but his impact on the league goes far beyond the numbers.

Yao single-handedly expanded the NBA's reach throughout Asia, spiking merchandise sales and TV ratings for games after the Rockets made him the top overall pick in the 2002 draft.

Marc Ganis, president of Chicago-based consultancy SportsCorp, said Yao's worldwide impact on the league will probably never be duplicated by another player.

"There's never been anything like him before," Ganis said, "and I doubt we'll ever see anything like him again."

Ganis said Yao became an iconic symbol of China's growth and status. He carried the Olympic torch through Tiananmen Square and proudly carried his country's flag during the opening ceremonies in Beijing in 2008.

He also donated \$2 million and set up a foundation to rebuild schools in the wake of the 2008 earthquake in Sichuan.

"He was the embodiment of the cultural aspirations of the Chinese society," Ganis said. "He always talked about 'team,' always talked about sacrifice, always talked about those who needed help."

Yao was already a larger-than-life national hero in China when he joined the Rockets. He played for the Chinese national team in the six summers before he joined

the NBA.

Skeptics doubted Yao was ready for the league, but he made the All-Rookie team after averaging 13.5 points, 8.2 rebounds and 1.74 blocks in 82 games. He was the only rookie to lead his team in both rebounds and blocks, and the only rookie to rank in the top 20 in three statistical categories.

Yao helped the Rockets reach the playoffs in the next two seasons. Houston acquired versatile star Tracy McGrady before the 2004-05 season, and the franchise envisioned the duo as the cornerstones of a championship team.

The Rockets lost first-round series in seven games in both 2005 and 2007. Yao and McGrady both started encountering injury problems in the seasons that followed. Yao played in 77 games in the 2008-09 season and with McGrady sidelined, helped Houston reach the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1997.

But Yao broke his left foot in a postseason game against the Lakers, and underwent complex surgery that sidelined him for the entire 2009-10 season. He lasted only five games at the start of the 2010-11 season, before breaking his left ankle. He underwent surgery in January, and was lost for the season again.

Yao, who turns 31 in September, missed a total of 250 regular-season games over the past six sea-



This April 1, 2009, file photo shows Houston Rockets center Yao Ming, top, of China, shooting over Phoenix Suns center Shaquille O'Neal (32) in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

sons due mostly to injuries to his left foot and leg.

The Rockets missed the playoffs for the second straight season in 2010-11, parted ways with coach Rick Adelman and hired Kevin McHale. McHale said Yao's future with the team was contingent on his health.

"We'd all be really happy if Yao comes back to play, and I hope he can," McHale said. "I think he'll give it his best shot." □



# World record holder Bolt wins 200 in Areva meet



Jamaican Olympic champion Usain Bolt, left, wins the 200m men race ahead of French champion Christophe Lemaitre at the AF Diamond League athletics meeting at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, north of Paris, Friday, July 8, 2011.

Associated Press

**SAINT-DENIS, France (AP)** — World record holder Usain Bolt cruised to an easy victory over European champion Christophe Lemaitre in the 200 meters at the Areva athletics

meeting on Friday. The Jamaican sprinter clocked 20.03 seconds, well adrift of his record of 19.19 set at the 2009 world championships in Berlin, but

enough to outclass Lemaitre of France, who finished second in 20.21.

Bolt has been working on his technique lately, before defending his world titles next month in South Korea.

In the 110 hurdles, Olympic champion Dayron Robles of Cuba dipped his chest to beat U.S. champion David Oliver in a photo finish.

Robles led from the start but Oliver made a strong comeback at the halfway stage to put pressure on the Cuban hurdler as both crossed the line in 13.09.

World champion Caster Semenya of South Africa won the women's 800 meters in 2:00.18.

Semenya, who is trying to rediscover her form after missing 11 months of competition because of a gender controversy, outpaced Halima Hachlaf of Morocco in 2:00.60.

Meanwhile, Christina Obergfoell, Yargelis Savigne, Zuzana Hejnova and Meseret Defar set world-leading marks this season in the women's events.

Olympic bronze medalist Obergfoell of Germany won the javelin event with a throw of 68.01 meters at her first attempt, while world

champion Savigne of Cuba leapt 14.99 to beat Ukraine's Olha Saladukha in the triple jump.

Hejnova of the Czech Republic ran 53.29 in the 400 hurdles in which Olympic and world champion Melaine Walker of Jamaica only finished fifth in 55.06.

Defar eased to victory in the 5,000 with a time of 14:29.52 to beat fellow Ethiopian Sentayehu Ejigu who came in second.

Kelly-Ann Baptiste of Trinidad and Tobago stunned Jamaican sprinters Kerron Stewart and Veronica Campbell-Brown in the women's 100. Baptiste ran 10.91 to edge Campbell-Brown into second with 10.95 and Olympic runner-up Stewart into third with 11.04.

Christopher Brown of the Bahamas overtook Belgian runner Jonathan Borlee in the home stretch to win the men's 400 in 44.94.

American Jeremy Wariner, took Olympic gold in 2004 and silver in 2008, finished fourth in 45.50 while South African amputee Oscar Pistorius was fifth in 45.84, failing to reach the 45.25 time that would automatically qualify him for the worlds. □

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Mark Cavendish of Britain crosses the finish line to win the seventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 135.5 miles starting in Le Mans and finishing in Chateauroux, central France, Friday July 8, 2011.

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## Cavendish wins 7th stage of crash-marred Tour de France

GREG KELLER  
Associated Press

**CHATEAUROUX, France (AP)** — Mark Cavendish won a crash-marred seventh stage of the Tour de France on Friday, capturing his 17th career stage win in the same town where he won his first, as world champion Thor Hushovd retained the yellow jersey.

A pileup toward the end of the 135-mile race south across the Loire River valley under sunny skies cost British champion Bradley Wiggins his hopes of a final podium place in Paris, as Sky's leader crashed out of the race with what the team said later was a broken collarbone. HTC-Highroad rider Cavendish sprinted out of the speeding pack in the last few hundred meters, beating fellow sprint specialists Alessandro Petacchi and Andre Greipel to the finish.

Cavendish sprinted to victory in the same town where he won his first Tour de France stage in 2008, making Friday's win a special occasion for the British rider.

"It's a very special day for me, it was here where I won my first stage and so it's a very sentimental moment," Cavendish said. "I have to thank the guys for all their work today, it was a hard windy day, and the guys rode hard for me all the way through. They were marvelous."

"The Tour is the biggest race, I love it more than any other, and I really wanted to do the same today as I did three years ago," Cavendish said.

Cavendish gave credit to his teammates for helping him to the memorable win. "It was an amazing leadout, I didn't have to do anything and I'm really proud of them all," Cavendish said.

Cavendish has now taken 27 stage wins in major Tours, including two stages of the Giro d'Italia in 2011, as well as 68 wins on the road since turning pro in 2007. HTC-Highroad has now racked up 42 victories this season alone, making them the most successful ProTour team. Britain's Team Sky suffered a cruel reversal of fortune, losing their leader and main contender. Wiggins went down along with a few dozen other riders, 38 kilometers from the finish. Only 24 hours earlier Wiggins and his Sky teammates were celebrating Norwegian Edvald Boasson Hagen's stage victory, the team's first ever.

Sky manager Dave Brailsford said the crash that took out Wiggins was caused by a sudden slowing by some riders in the peloton.

"I think the guys were moving Bradley up, he went into a tailwind, they knew it was coming. Somebody apparently slammed the brakes on, the whole peloton skidded and then powered into the back of him at a great speed. There's a lot of guys (who) hit the deck," Brailsford said. □

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# Zumba away, but avoid the injuries!

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The craze for Zumba, that gym class cum Latin dance party, just keeps growing – and so, some experts fear, may the number of injuries among its devotees. Created in the late 1990s in Colombia by the fitness instructor Alberto Perez, Zumba

spasms and calf injuries are the most common Zumba-related injuries treated at the clinic. “The brief warm-ups and lateral movements in Zumba can create conditions of instability,” said Bongiorno. Still, Zumba is reaching for new participants: recent incarnations include Aqua

Zumba’s marketing is all about fun first, with slogans like, “Ditch the workout, join the party,” and “Party yourself into shape.” The hope, of course, is to attract people, mainly women, who aren’t into traditional exercise. Exercise classes like Zumba tend to attract people “who have been

a doctor before starting a new exercise regime. If you are pregnant or have a major cardiovascular, pulmonary or metabolic condition, traditional Zumba is probably not appropriate for you. (Zumba Gold, the low-impact version, however, may be fine.) People with knee, hip or ankle problems should also consult a doctor, as they may need to modify the routine – avoiding jumps, for instance, or fast hip movements.

## THE RIGHT SHOES

Luckily for the pocketbook, Zumba doesn’t require any fancy equipment (although Zumba enthusiasts are prone to donning some extremely colorful outfits). Any thinly soled sneakers or comfortable workout shoes will do.

But running shoes, which tend to have thick treads, are inappropriate, because they are designed only for forward movement. The treads get in the way when doing Zumba’s many side-to-side and pivot moves.

## HEAD OF THE CLASS

Instructors are certified to teach basic Zumba after a one-day training course that teaches the basic moves and rhythms. Certification for the specialized courses entails additional training, and instructors are also often certified in other fitness areas.

Zumba has become so popular so quickly that gyms and dance studios have had trouble hiring and keeping good instructors, noted Jessica Davis, the group fitness manager at Equinox gym in New York. Before joining a Zumba class, ask how long the instructor has been teaching and about his or her background, including fitness certifications.

The best instructors have a dance background and an understanding of Latin steps, as well as a strong background in fitness, said Dr. Pamela Peeke, a spokeswoman for the American College of Sports Medicine.

Good instructors also will ask who is a beginner and whether anyone is pregnant or has special health concerns. To find a licensed Zumba instructor in your area, go to Zumba.com. □

## E. coli confirmed in first U.S. death

**MIKE STOBBE**  
**AP Medical Writer**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Health officials have confirmed the first American death tied to the food-poisoning outbreak in Europe.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday said lab tests show an Arizona man was infected with the same E. coli bacteria blamed for the outbreak centered in Germany. The man had visited Germany and died last month. Officials have released few details about the man except that he was over 65 and lived in northern Arizona. He is the first death among the six cases in the U.S. linked to the outbreak. European officials this week said contaminated sprout seeds from Egypt were likely the source of the food poisoning. Fifty people have died in Europe, all but one in Germany. □

## Sweden hospital windpipe transplant

**LOUISE NORDSTROM**

**Associated Press**

**STOCKHOLM (AP)** — A 36-year-old man who had tracheal cancer has received a new lab-made windpipe seeded with his own stem cells in a procedure in Sweden they call the first successful attempt of its kind, officials said Thursday. The Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm said the surgery was performed June 9, and that the patient is on his way to a “full recovery.” He will be released from a hospital Friday. Karolinska said the patient, whose late stage cancer had almost fully blocked his windpipe, had no other options since no suitable donor windpipes were available. Professor Paolo Macchiarini, who has also involved in previous windpipe transplants, said the surgery at Karolinska “is the first synthetic tissue engineered windpipe that has been successfully transplanted.” □



Carlos Chavez leads a combination Zumba and yoga class at Namaste Yoga studio in New York. Growing in popularity and created in the late 1990s in Colombia, Zumba is an aerobic workout inspired by Latin dance.

(Todd Heisler/The New York Times)

ba is a high-energy aerobic workout based on dance steps borrowed from merengue, salsa and other dances. An estimated 12 million fitness buffs worldwide are taking Zumba classes at about 110,000 locations; these sessions are taught at big city health clubs and storefront yoga studios, in church basements and school auditoriums – even in nightclubs during the day.

Zumba’s allure derives in part from the perception that it’s more a dance party than an exercise routine. But its popularity has come at a price.

Zumba classes can be enormous, filled with enthusiastic but inexperienced exercisers who may be led by instructors with limited experience.

“As with any fad exercise regime, we see an uptick in injuries,” said Luke Bongiorno, a physical therapist at New York Sports Med, a sports medicine clinic in Manhattan. Ankle sprains, hamstring injuries, muscle

Zumba, Zumba Gold for older or beginning exercisers, a muscle-toning version and classes for children. So

sedentary for a while or are sedentary all day at work,” said Bongiorno. But the classes are fast-



Stacy Tolkin takes a break during a combination Zumba and yoga class lead by Carlos Chavez at Namaste Yoga studio in New York, July 3, 2011. Growing in popularity and created in the late 1990s in Colombia, Zumba is an aerobic workout inspired by Latin dance.

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to make sure you get the most for your money and avoid injury, here’s some advice from fitness experts about doing Zumba right.

## FUN BUT FRENZIED

paced and can be quite strenuous. Few participants leave without being drenched in sweat and at least a little bit out of breath. You should always consult





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# Challenge to Groupon's model with trio of deals

By RACHEL METZ

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Groupon's online coupons save people cash, but they're not always great deals for merchants. Some businesses complain that bargain hunters rarely return after scoring a cheap meal or massage.

A new site called LevelUp believes it has a way for restaurants, nail salons and other local businesses to keep people coming back. To drum up repeat business, the company offers consumers a series of three deals, each better than the one before.

Online deal sites abound, but LevelUp hopes to stand out by giving people an initial offer that's on par with competitors' — and following that up with even better deals. After three visits, LevelUp figures that customers will be familiar with the merchant enough to return, even without discounts.

It's still too early to say whether enough consum-

ers will be willing to pay full price—a key factor that will determine whether LevelUp becomes a serious threat to Groupon or remains one of hundreds of wannabes.

Groupon created a new marketing phenomenon catering to people's hunger for bargains. It offers the chance to purchase discounts targeted to a person's city and preferences. For example, someone might pay \$20 for a \$40 gift certificate to a spa, restaurant, car wash or yoga studio.

The Chicago-based company's upcoming initial public offering of stock is expected to be in high demand, even though it lost \$413 million last year on revenue of \$713 million.

The harsh reality of the online coupon business is that the concept of offering customers deep discounts is easy to replicate. All you need is a sales team to craft deals with merchants, and an email service for blasting those offers to people who

sign up on a website.

But rivals have difficulty breaking through because market leader Groupon already has 83 million people subscribing to its daily offers by email, and second-place LivingSocial has 39 million.

By contrast, LevelUp has just 100,000 subscribers.

Small businesses often prefer to partner with a service that can reach more potential customers, even though LevelUp is trying to sweeten the deal for merchants by taking no commission on the first of the three offers.

Others are trying to distinguish themselves by targeting niche audiences, such as nerds or moms, or people with specific interests, such as fitness or food.

Facebook is testing a deals program of its own in five U.S. cities, trying to rival Groupon by tapping Facebook's base of 750 million users worldwide. Google has one, too, rolled out first in Portland, Ore. □



In this May 31, 2011 photo, Seth Priebatsch, founder of SCVNGR, is seen in a conference room at the company, in Cambridge, Mass. Priebatsch is also the founder of LevelUp.

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## Visa again blocks funds for WikiLeaks

RAPHAEL G. SATTER

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Visa said Friday it has closed a donation channel to WikiLeaks after a payment processor briefly accepted money transfers to the anti-secrecy site.

Visa and MasterCard were two of several financial and Internet service companies that severed ties to WikiLeaks following its disclosure of thousands of confidential U.S. documents. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange claims the 7-month-long blockade has cost his online group millions.

But on Thursday both

companies appeared to abruptly change course when WikiLeaks' payment processor, DataCell ehf, announced that donations to the site were again being processed.

That appears to have been an accident, at least as far as Visa Europe Ltd. was concerned. In an email to The Associated Press, the company said that one of its financial partners had "briefly accepted payments on a merchant site linked to WikiLeaks."

"As soon as this came to our attention, action was taken with the suspension of Visa payment acceptance to

the site remaining in place," the company said.

It's unclear how many payments were accepted, or even if they were fully processed.

DataCell Chief Executive Andreas Fink confirmed to the AP that credit card payments appeared to have halted, but said he couldn't know for sure why.

He added that he wouldn't know how many payments had been successfully made to WikiLeaks until technical staff examined the logs.

MasterCard did not return emails and phone calls seeking comment. □

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# Analysis: Flat jobs data signal weakest recovery in decades

By **PAUL WISEMAN**

**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

The job market is defying history.

A dismal June employment report shows that employers are adding nowhere near as many jobs as they normally do this long after a recession has ended.

Unemployment has climbed for three straight months and is now at 9.2 percent. There's no precedent, in data going back to 1948, for such a high rate two years into what economists say is a recovery.

The economy added just 18,000 jobs in June. That's a fraction of the 90,000 jobs economists had expected and a sliver of the 300,000 jobs needed each month to shrink unemployment significantly.

The excruciatingly slow growth is confounding economists, spooking consumers and dismaying job seekers. Friday's report forced analysts to re-examine their assumption that the economy would strengthen in the second half of 2011.

They had expected improvement in June after a bleak jobs report for May. They figured that hiring in May had been artificially weakened by temporary factors — a run-up in gasoline prices to \$4 a gallon and factory disruptions caused by Japan's earthquake and nuclear crisis.

But the June numbers were even worse than May's, even though gasoline prices are falling and factories revving up again. "This is a remarkable, across-the-board backslide," says economist Heidi Shierholz of the Economic Policy Institute.

Sometimes disappointing economic reports look better on closer inspection. This one gets uglier.

Workers' hourly pay fell in June. They worked fewer hours. And 16.2 percent of those who wanted to work were either unemployed, forced to settle for part-time jobs or had given up looking for work. That figure



**A passer by looks at a sign for jobs in Barre, Vt. on Thursday, July 7, 2011. Unemployment rises to 9.2 pct. in June, as employers add only 18,000 jobs.**

**Associated Press**

was up from 15.8 percent in May.

Among the frustrated is Cris Cohen, who was laid off in April from a job as a contractor for Cisco Systems in Raleigh, N.C. He's been searching for work since then, futilely combing job listings, reaching out to friends and setting up a website with a resume and a blog.

"In the past when I've left

jobs or been laid off, I've just contacted connections I have had, and that's led to opportunities," says Cohen, who has a wife and a 9-year-old son. "Now it's just seems much more dry.... There's just always that anxious feeling, that nausea."

One problem is that after slashing jobs during the Great Recession, employers are still reluctant to replace them. They've learned to

squeeze more work and revenue out of reduced staffs. Productivity and corporate profits have soared. But companies don't want to add workers until they're confident that consumers are spending enough to support higher sales.

Other factors are restraining hiring, too. More sophisticated software lets managers scrutinize changes in their businesses minute-by-minute. They can postpone hiring until they're certain they need more workers.

Employers have good reason to wait, says economist Ken Mayland at ClearView Economics. A political standoff over the federal debt limit threatens to send the U.S. government into default next month. That would send interest rates soaring and might tip the economy back into recession.

Even if President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans agree to raise the borrowing limit, the deal will likely require deep cuts in government spending and possibly tax increases. Combined, those steps could slow the economy further.

The economy has already lost 493,000 government jobs since the recession ended, most of them

eliminated by cash-short cities and counties. Now it faces the prospect of big cuts by the federal government, too.

Heightening the uncertainty are Europe's debt crisis and the possibility that China's efforts to tame inflation will slow its booming economy. Both factors could destabilize financial markets and reduce U.S. exports, one of the economy's few strengths.

"Why would an employer hire now?" Mayland says. "It's hunker down and wait and see."

The Federal Reserve has already lowered short-term interest rates to near zero. And last month, it ended a Treasury bond-purchase program that was intended to strengthen the economy.

Congress, pointing to high budget deficits, won't consider spending taxpayer money to jolt the economy with new government programs.

"We have painted ourselves into a corner," Mayland says. "When you're at zero interest rates and running a \$1.5 trillion deficit, you don't really have many policy options."

Many analysts say the economy mainly needs time to recover from an implosion of the real estate market and a devastating financial crisis. □

## Oil falls over 2 percent on jobs report

By **CHRIS KAHN**

**AP Energy Writer |**

**NEW YORK (AP)** —

Oil tumbled more than 2 percent Friday, giving up most of its gains for the week after the latest government data showed hiring in the U.S. is at a virtual standstill.

The Labor Department said that employers added the fewest jobs in nine months and the unemployment rate rose to 9.2 percent in June. A slowdown in hiring means that gasoline demand could remain stagnant as fewer workers join the daily commute, and consumers limit driving and trips to the gas station as they watch their spending.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for August delivery gave up \$2.47, or 2.5 percent, to settle at \$96.20 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. WTI started the week around \$95 a barrel and rose as high as \$99.42 during trading on Thursday. In London, Brent crude lost 26 cents to settle at \$118.33 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. Gasoline futures also dropped following the jobs report. The contract for August delivery gave up 3.44 cents to settle at \$3.0926 per gallon on the Nymex.

Gas pump prices rose again on Friday, reaching a national average \$3.594 per

gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of regular is up 4.4 cents from a week ago. It's still about 39 cents below the three-year high reached in early May. A year ago drivers paid 87.7 cents per gallon less, on average.

Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst for the Oil Price Information Service, is sticking with his summer gasoline forecast for a national average between \$3.25 and \$3.75 per gallon. He noted that oil is traded around the world, and demand is expected to expand despite sluggish jobs growth

in the U.S. While the U.S. is the world's largest petroleum consumer, demand growth will be driven by motorists, trucking companies and factories in China and India, he said.

Sluggish U.S. gasoline demand may delay Brent crude reaching \$125 per barrel next year, as forecast by Goldman Sachs. "But it's not going to lead to any major selling" of oil contracts, Kloza said. Brent is used by many East Coast refineries to produce gasoline.

Oil trader and analyst Stephen Schork has a slightly different take on the jobs report. □



## IMF set to give Greece billions

**HARRY DUNPHY**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The International Monetary Fund approved on Friday just over 3 billion euros (\$4.2 billion) to Greece, the latest installment of a rescue package aimed at helping the country pull back from an impending debt default.

The move by the executive board had been expected after a decision last week by eurozone finance ministers to give Greece their portion of a 12 billion euros (\$17.4 billion) loan payment that is part of a 110 billion euro (\$259 billion) package agreed last year.

Friday's IMF action, with new Managing Director Christine Lagarde in the chair, came as European banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions were trying to get the private sector involved in helping save Greece from default. The 17 countries that use the euro will continue with the IMF to prop up Greece's struggling economy in the coming years with a second package of aid loans to be completed in September. Lagarde said the raft of reforms, spending cuts and tax hikes the government has been carrying out as part of conditions to receive bailout funds "is delivering important results: the deficit is being reduced, the economy is rebalancing and competitiveness is gradually improving."

However, she said, Greek officials still face significant challenges, including meeting a target of getting its burdensome debt down to 7.5 percent of gross domestic product in 2011 and to less than 3 percent by 2014. Lagarde said, "Greece's debt sustainability hinges critically on timely and vigorous implementation of the adjustment program with no margin for slippage, and continued support from European partners and private sector involvement." □

# Playing markets others shun

**TIM GRAY**

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Fretfulness overtook optimism among stock investors in the second quarter. Many markets started the year strongly. Then, as spring turned to summer, recession worries rumbled back in the U.S., debt continued to dog Europe and inflation fears re-emerged in some emerging economies. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index lost 0.4 percent for the quarter, and several key international markets, including China and India, also chalked up losses.

Amid the worry and woe, managers of three of the quarter's better-performing funds found opportunities in segments that some investors shun: hard-core value stocks, lesser-known Asian markets and biotechnology.

**A STRICT FOCUS ON VALUE**  
Few managers seem to take value-hunting as seriously as those at the Longleaf Partners Small-Cap Fund: O. Mason Hawkins and G. Staley Cates. Their fund, which carries an expense ratio of 0.92 percent, returned 3.71 percent in the second quarter.

Hawkins and Cates like to buy the sort of dirt-cheap stocks that Warren E. Buffett has famously called "cigar butts." These days, Buffett typically skips over castoffs, opting to buy pricier fare as long as he's confident that a company has a competitive advantage. But Hawkins and Cates still seek those half-smoked stogies. "We'll never compromise the principle about buying really cheaply," Cates said. Their refusal to consider anything but bargains means that their fund, which is closed to new investors, can build up a hefty hoard of cash. On May 31, in fact, cash accounted for about 15 percent of its \$3.4 billion in assets. "We demand high quality but want a great price, and there typically aren't a lot of those stocks around," Cates said.

The managers aim for shares that trade for no

more than 60 percent of their estimate of value.

Often, that means betting on companies with overlooked assets. Consider Dillard's, the department store chain. When Longleaf bought in several years ago, the stock was trading

average annual turnover, measured in March, was 11 percent.

Pacific Tiger's institutional shares returned 4.09 percent in the second quarter. The fund has an expense ratio of 1.09 percent and holds \$5.5 billion in assets.

The fund also has holdings in sectors like health care, which aren't considered consumption plays per se. "Consumption is about share of the consumer's wallet, where his money is going, and increasingly in Asia, that's to health care,"



**Rajiv Kaul of Fidelity looks for biotech companies with money-earning drugs and promising pipelines, in Boston on June 2, 2011. The fund was among the better performers in a difficult second quarter.**

(Bryce Vickmark/The New York Times)

in the teens, but its real estate alone — Dillard's owns most of its stores' buildings — was worth \$60 to \$70 a share, Hawkins says. The company was struggling but had laid plans for a turnaround, and the Longleaf managers believed that it could deliver. Their faith has begun to pay off: Dillard's ended the quarter at more than \$50 a share.

Longleaf typically owns just a handful of stocks, and Hawkins and Cates stick with favorites for years. Thus, at the end of March, the fund had only 22 holdings and an average annual turnover of 17 percent, according to Morningstar.

**ALL EYES ON ASIA**

Richard H. Gao and Sharat Shroff, co-managers of the Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund, are similarly loath to shed holdings. Despite investing in a volatile region — Asia, minus Japan — they have been trading less often than the Longleaf managers do. The fund's

"Our underlying philosophy is that, if you can find solid businesses that can survive economic cycles, then the best way to create shareholder value is to stick with them over several years," Shroff said.

Tingyi, for example, is a company that Pacific Tiger has held through years of economic ups and downs, he said.

A Chinese maker of instant noodles and ready-to-drink teas, it has faced "inflation and commodity-price pressures in the past, and it has always gained market share," he said. "It always manages to emerge stronger."

The fund's investment in Tingyi aims to exploit China's evolution toward an economy geared more to consumption than to exports. In all of their Asia investments, Gao said, "we don't have much exposure to manufacturing or to companies that rely on export growth or cheap labor."

Shroff said.

China and India, two of Asia's burlier economies, account for a big chunk of Pacific Tiger's assets, but Gao and Shroff have made outside bets on other markets, like Indonesia. At the end of May, 8.6 percent of the fund's assets were invested there, more than twice the weighting of their benchmark index.

"We want to find companies that will deliver sustainable growth," Shroff said. "If we find them in China, so be it. If we find them in Indonesia, so be it."

**BANKING ON BIOTECH**

Like the emerging Asian markets, biotechnology has a reputation as a promising long-term place to invest, if you can stomach the risk.

For Rajiv Kaul, a strong stomach was a condition of employment. His fund, the Fidelity Select Biotechnology Portfolio, must invest at least 80 percent of its assets in biotech. □



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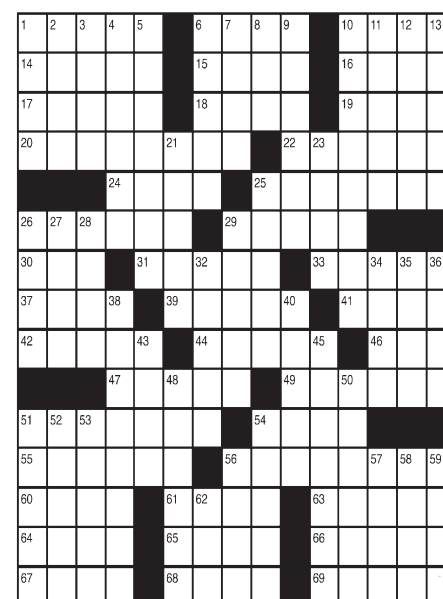
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# Today In History

Today is Saturday, July 9, the 190th day of 2011. There are 175 days left in the year.  
Highlights in history on this date:

**1519** - Spanish conquistador Hernan Cortes lands in Mexico, founds the town of Veracruz and begins conquering the surrounding land.  
**1609** - Holy Roman Emperor Rudolf II is forced to grant charter permitting freedom of religion in Bohemia in what is now the Czech Republic.  
**1816** - The United Provinces of La Plata — now Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and part of Bolivia — declare themselves independent from Spain.  
**1915** - German forces in southwest Africa surrender to South Africans under Louis Botha.  
**1991** - The International Olympic Committee readmits South Africa after three decades.  
**1995** - French navy commandos firing tear gas storm a Greenpeace ship shortly after it enters French waters heading for the site of planned nuclear tests in the South Pacific.  
**1998** - Colombian president-elect Andres Pastrana has a surprise meeting with leaders of the leftist FARC guerillas, the first time a Colombian president meets directly with rebels.  
**1999** - The leaders of China and Japan reach a secret agreement on trade terms ahead of China's bid to join the World Trade Organization.  
**2002** - U.S. President George W. Bush delivers a speech in New York City's financial district urging greater corporate responsibility and proposing tougher penalties for white-collar crimes.  
**2003** - Canada's government announces a provisional distribution system for medical marijuana that would involve shipping government supplies of the drug directly to eligible patients' doctors.  
**2004** - The U.N.'s highest judicial authority rules Israel's planned 680-kilometer-long (425-mile-long) barrier in the West Bank violates international law and must be dismantled.  
**2006** - A Russian commercial plane careens into garages as it lands in a fiery crash, killing at least 125 people in the country's second major commercial airline disaster in two months.  
**2007** - The 22-nation Arab League announces it will send a delegation to Israel for the first time in its history, with the mission of discussing a sweeping peace initiative as well as the threat posed by Hamas and other Islamic extremists.  
**2008** — Iran test-fires nine missiles, including ones capable of hitting Israel, making a dramatic show of its readiness to strike back if the United States or Israel attacks it over its nuclear program.

## Today's Birthdays:

Frederich Henle, German pathologist and anatomist (1809-1885); Elias Howe, U.S. inventor of sewing machine (1819-1867); Nikola Tesla, Serbian-American inventor (1856-1943); Barbara Cartland, British writer (1901-2000); Morocco's King Hassan (1929-1999); Orenthal James (O.J.) Simpson, U.S. football player (1947--); Tom Hanks, U.S. actor (1956--).

## Thought For Today:

Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful. It's the transition that's troublesome — Isaac Asimov, US Writer (1920-1992) □



Today is Tom Hanks' birthday.

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In this publicity image released by CBS, the cast of "Big Brother 13" is shown in Los Angeles. A new season of the voyeuristic reality TV series premiered last night, Friday, July 8, on CBS.

(AP Photo/CBS, Cliff Lipson)

## What you missed:

### The first night of 'Big Brother 13'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — "Big Brother" viewers watched as eight new contestants — or houseguests, as they're more commonly called on CBS' voyeuristic reality series — converged with three pairs of veteran players on Thursday night's 13th season premiere.

Yet the audience didn't get to eavesdrop on everything that happened during the first night of the summer-long competition. The edited hour-long premiere condensed what actually happened over the course of about six hours last Saturday when the 14 houseguests moved into the camera-filled house situated on a soundstage on the CBS Studio City lot. (The show's live Internet feeds don't broadcast what happens inside the house until after the show debuts.) Here's some of what you didn't see on TV:

— Outside the door to the house, cocktail waitress Rachel Reilly and graduate student Brendon Villegas, who met last summer during season 12 and later became engaged, shared a quiet moment together as they waited to enter the not-so-private abode. "Don't be nervous," Brendon told her as they stood outside the door. "I'm not nervous," Rachel retorted. — Among the declarations sputtered by outspoken season-eight winner Richard "Evel Dick" Donato after he returned to the house with his estranged daughter Danielle Donato was that he was proud of CBS for casting three black contestants. He also told the other houseguests that the producers only called him on the previous Sunday to invite him to play "Big Brother" again.

— As the cast settled into the house, crew members were busy constructing the setting for the first Head of Household competition in the backyard: a makeshift jungle composed of leafy plants and big hanging bananas that were greased up by the crew. The back door was closed, which prompted the houseguests to speculate what workout equipment would be outside.

— The houseguests usually did not shut up. Throughout the evening, they typically congregated in one large group in the kitchen and engaged in multiple introductory conversations, making it difficult to decipher what everyone was saying to each other. "The first hour in the 'Big Brother' house is the best hour," exclaimed season 11 veteran Jeff Schroeder.

— The mood was surprisingly calm upstairs in the control room as a director monitored the action from more than 50 cameras. Staff transcribed the cast's conversations, while a producer in a booth interviewed partners Keith Henderson and Porsche Briggs, who were downstairs in the Diary Room. It was one of their first interactions outside the house. □

# Royals land in L.A. for U.S. trip

**DERRIK LANG  
THOMAS WATKINS  
Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have landed at Los Angeles International Airport to start their weekend trip to California.

The couple's arrival Friday comes after a nine-day visit to Canada, their first foreign trip since they were married in April.

After being welcomed by California Gov. Jerry Brown, they are going to the Beverly Hilton to attend a technology entrepreneur summit. Though Prince William has been to America before, it will be Kate's first trip to the U.S. William's late mother, Princess Diana, who would have turned 50 this month, charmed Americans when she visited in the 1980s. Authorities have put the paparazzi on notice that aggressive actions will not be tolerated. Photographers were partly blamed for causing the Paris crash that killed Princess Diana in 1997. □



Prince William and Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, arrive at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles on Friday, July 8, 2011.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

## Katy Perry postpones 2 US concerts

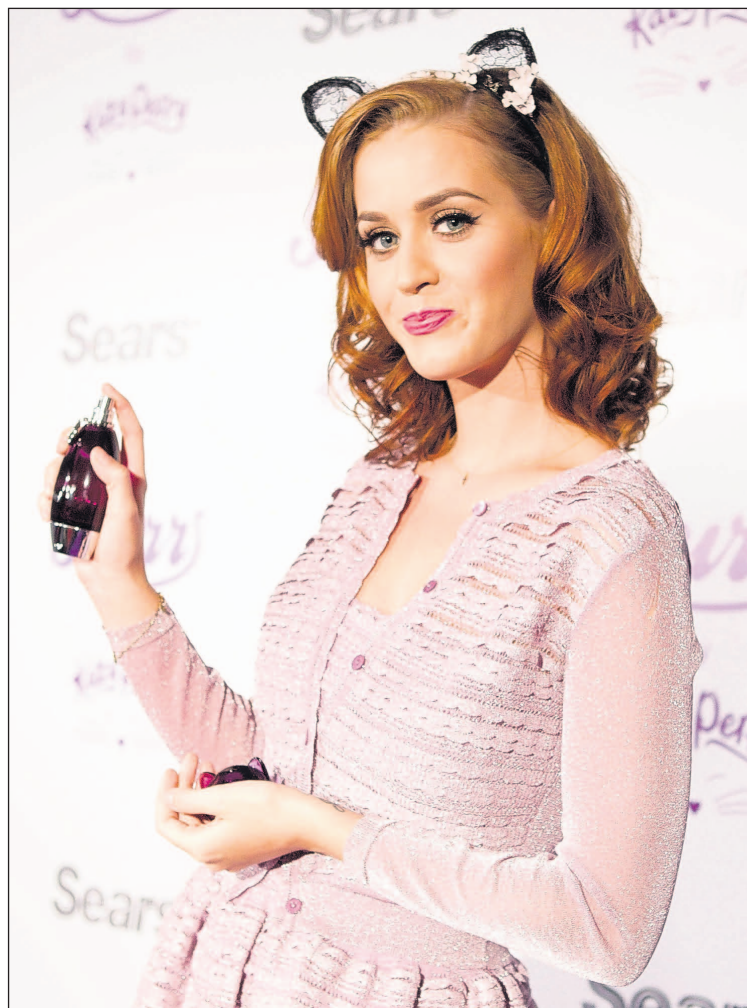
**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Katy Perry has postponed concerts in the Chicago area and St. Paul, Minnesota, because she's suffering from food poisoning.

A statement released by her publicist says the Friday show at Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Illinois, has been rescheduled to Aug. 21 and her Saturday show at St. Paul's Xcel Energy Center is now set for Aug. 23.

The statement says the food poisoning led to severe dehydration. She performed ill at Summerfest in Milwaukee Thursday night. John Boler, vice president of sales and marketing at Summerfest, says Perry wasn't feeling well when she arrived. He says a doctor was provided to her during the day and the performance.

He says she performed beautifully despite being sick.

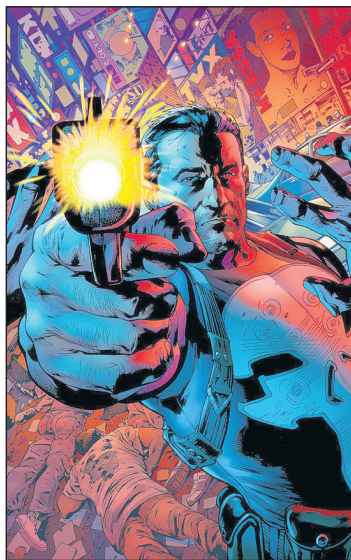
Perry apologized but said she plans to give fans the best show ever when she returns. □



Pop star Katy Perry promotes her debut fragrance Purr in Toronto on Thursday June 30, 2011. The perfume will be sold solely by Sears in Canada. Perry has postponed concerts in the Chicago area and St. Paul, Minnesota, because she's suffering from food poisoning.

(AP Photo, Chris Young)





In this comic book image released by Marvel Comics, the character Frank Castle, aka The Punisher, is shown. Readers of the upcoming "Punisher," will see the lead character dealing with a new type of criminal gang that is decidedly far more advanced socially and technologically than his traditional mob opponents.

(AP Photo/Marvel Comics)

## Marvel's Punisher gets a makeover

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Frank Castle, aka The Punisher, is not one for the soft touch, preferring to dispatch criminals with the flick of a trigger finger or a well-placed rocket launcher.

Now the Marvel Comics vigilante is expanding his game as a new creative team, led by writer Greg Rucka and artist Marco Checchetto, prepares to launch a new series next month starring the broken but brutal Castle, whose style is more outright execution than bringing the bad guys in for the law to handle.

Rucka said Friday the traditional mob wise guys Castle has battled with will be more contemporary but just as ruthless. The Punisher will be, too.

"We have two established groups — one is called The Exchange, the other is sort of unnamed and is apparently headed by the Owl," he said. "The deal with The Exchange is interesting — they are a 2011 crime organization" that is "Wi-Fi enabled and have access to the cloud." □

## 'The Playboy Club' to offer a key to its racy past

**FRAZIER MOORE**  
**AP Television Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Of the new TV series announced for fall, none has caught the audience's eye (while raising eyebrows) like "The Playboy Club."

Set in the early 1960s, this NBC drama stands out as a rare TV period piece that is all the more notable for being joined on the fall schedule by another early '60s melodrama, ABC's "Pan Am," which focuses on frisky stewardesses in the dawning jet age.

Both shows will be roughly contemporaneous with AMC's "Mad Men," which reigns as one of a bare handful of successful period dramas (other than Westerns) in the annals of network TV, and without whose success neither "Pan Am" nor "The Playboy Club" is imaginable.

But while "Mad Men" unfolds in New York,

"The Playboy Club" takes place in Chicago at the just-opened nightspot meant to build on the seductive appeal of Playboy magazine, then less than a decade old. In the vision of Playboy publisher Hugh Hefner, the club would be a swinging hideaway for Playboy fans, bringing the magazine to life.

To judge from the first episode (which airs Sept. 19), "The Playboy Club" is a zesty cocktail.

There's glamour, music, mystery and sin, a dash of cultural history, and, of course, the aura of sex, all airbrushed by a half-century's remove while it flaunts the Playboy legacy, still powerfully evocative even today.

"The legendary Playboy Club in Chicago is the door to all of your fantasies," as the series description reminds you, "and the key is the most sought-after status symbol of its kind." In this pleasure palace, you rub shoulders with "the decade's biggest mobsters, politicians and entertainers," as well as Nick Dalton (series star Eddie Cibrian), a mysterious lawyer with ties to the underworld and a well-earned reputation as

a — what else? — dashing playboy.

But according to Chad Hodge, who created the series, "The Playboy Club" is mostly about the bunnies — the buxom cotton-

their own lives," says Hodge. "Our show explores who they are, where they're going and what they want." Says Laura Lancaster, NBC's head of drama development, "At its core,

Hodge, whose credits include CW's short-lived 2006 drama "Runaway," starring Donnie Wahlberg, is just 34. "I'm not an original keyholder," he laughs. But he set to work research-



In this publicity image released by NBC, from left, Amber Heard, Naturi Naughton and Leah Renee are shown in a scene from "The Playboy Club." Set in the early 1960s, this NBC drama will be roughly contemporaneous with AMC's "Mad Men," which reigns as one of a bare handful of successful period TV dramas.

(AP Photo/NBC, Matt Dinerstein)

tailed, satin-corseted, look-but-don't-touch waitresses who gave the club its mythical allure.

"Through them," says Hodge, "we get everything else — soap, crime, sex, relationships and the cultural relevance of what's going on, not only in regards to Playboy but the world."

History tells us that Chicago's Playboy Club (the first of almost two dozen by the mid-1970s) opened in February 1960.

A membership key set back status seekers \$25 while cocktails cost a pricey \$1.50 — though who was complaining, when it was any one of some 85 beautiful bunnies serving them?

"Some have been models and airline hostesses," reported a Chicago newspaper in 1962, "but most of them are former office girls. A few are working their way through college, one through medical school."

"They were cocktail waitresses who could further

'The Playboy Club' is really a soap — a fun soap in a really cool, swanky setting." But what initially caught her fancy when the show was pitched was its focus on the women.

"That was such an interesting time for women," Lancaster says, "and I thought there were probably great conversations to be had between the bunnies that would resonate with us today."

The Playboy Club, she says, "really was empowering to women as an environment that encouraged more open-mindedness — and I don't mean about sex, but in terms of their ability to earn a great living. The doors of opportunity were open to them."

When Hodge came on board, he says he was handed a few basics: "It's Playboy. It's the early '60s. It's the first club. It's the bunnies. It's Chicago. That's what they gave me. I came up with everything else."

ing the subject. He pored over many of the 2,400 scrapbooks kept by full-time Playboy archivists who document the life, career and loves of Hugh Hefner. "That's where it started," Hodge says.

"And then talking to Hef and to former bunnies." A production partner in "The Playboy Club" is Alta Loma Entertainment, a division of Playboy, which lends the show a certain authority while guaranteeing it a certain sheen.

"They are actively involved in the show, but in the most helpful way imaginable," Hodge says.

With their help, he says he's respecting the pertinent facts in his storytelling.

The TV version of the club looks much like the actual club, he says; the famous "bunny dip" (a leaning-back technique for the bunny to place drinks on a low table without having to bend forward and risk falling out of her costume) has been faithfully revived. □



# What Obama wants



PAUL KRUGMAN

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On Thursday, President Barack Obama met with Republicans to discuss a debt deal. We don't know exactly what was proposed, but news reports before the meeting suggested that Obama is offering huge spending cuts, possibly including cuts to Social Security and an end to Medicare's status as a program available in full to all Americans, regardless of income. Obviously, the details matter a lot, but progressives, and Democrats in general, are understandably very worried. Should they be? In a word, yes. Now, this might just be theater: Obama may be pulling an anti-Corleone, making Republicans an offer they can't accept. The reports say that the Obama plan also involves significant new revenues, a notion that remains anathema to the Republican base. So the goal may be to paint the GOP into a corner, making Republicans look like intransigent extremists – which they are. But let's be frank. It's getting harder and harder to trust Obama's motives in the budget fight, given the way his economic rhetoric has veered to the right. In fact, if all you did was listen to his speeches, you might conclude that he basically shares the GOP's diagnosis of what ails our economy and what should be done to fix it. And maybe that's not a false impression; maybe it's the simple truth. One striking example of this rightward shift came in last weekend's presidential address, in which Obama had this to say about the economics of the budget: "Government has to start living within its means, just like families do. We have to cut the spending we can't afford so we can put the economy on sounder footing, and give our businesses the confidence they need to grow and create jobs." That's three of the right's favorite economic fallacies in just two sentences. No, the government shouldn't budget the way families do; on the contrary, trying to balance the budget in times of economic distress is a recipe for deepening the slump. Spending cuts right now wouldn't "put the economy on sounder footing." They would reduce growth and raise unemployment. And last but not least, businesses aren't holding back because they lack confidence in government policies; they're holding back because

they don't have enough customers – a problem that would be made worse, not better, by short-term spending cuts. In his brief remarks after Thursday's meeting, by the way, Obama seemed to reiterate the Herbert Hooveresque view that deficit reduction is what we need to "grow the economy." People have asked me why the president's economic advisers aren't telling him not to believe in the confidence fairy – that is, not to believe the assertion, popular on the right but overwhelmingly refuted by the evidence, that slashing spending in the face of a depressed economy will magically create jobs. My answer is, what economic advisers? Almost all the high-profile economists who joined the Obama administration early on have either left or are leaving. Nor have they been replaced. As The Wall Street Journal recently noted, there are a "stunning" number of vacancies in important economic posts. So who's defining the administration's economic views? Some of what we're hearing is presumably coming from the political team, whose members seem to believe that a move toward Republican positions, reminiscent of former President Bill Clinton's "triangulation" in the 1990s, is the key to Obama's re-election. And Clinton did, indeed, rebound from a big defeat in the 1994 midterms to win big two years later. But some of us think that the rebound had less to do with his rhetorical move to the center than with the 5 million jobs the economy added over those two years – an achievement not likely to be repeated this time, especially not in the face of harsh spending cuts. Anyway, I don't believe that it's all political calculation. Watching Obama and listening to his recent statements, it's hard not to get the impression that he is now turning for advice to people who really believe that the deficit, not unemployment, is the top issue facing America right now, and who also believe that the great bulk of deficit reduction should come from spending cuts. It's worth noting that even Republicans weren't suggesting cuts to Social Security; this is something Obama and those he listens to apparently want for its own sake. Which raises the big question: If a debt deal does emerge, and it overwhelmingly reflects conservative priorities and ideology, should Democrats in Congress vote for it? Obama's people will no doubt argue that their fellow party members should trust him, that whatever deal emerges was the best he could get. But it's hard to see why a president who has gone out of his way to echo Republican rhetoric and endorse false conservative views deserves that kind of trust. □



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Over the past 50 years, we've seen a number of gigantic policies produce disappointing results – policies to reduce poverty, homelessness, dropout rates, single-parenting and drug addiction. Many of these policies failed because they were based on an overly simplistic view of human nature. They assumed that people responded in straightforward ways to incentives. Often, they assumed that money could cure behavior problems. Fortunately, today we are in the middle of a golden age of behavioral research. Thousands of researchers are studying the way actual behavior differs from the way we assume people behave. They are coming up with more accurate theories of who we are, and scores of real-world applications. Here's one simple example: When you renew your driver's license, you have a chance to enroll in an organ donation program. In countries like Germany and the U.S., you have to check a box if you want to opt in. Roughly 14 percent of people do. But behavioral scientists have discovered that how you set the defaults is really important. So in other countries, like Poland or France, you have to check a box if you want to opt out. In these countries, more than 90 percent of people participate. This is a gigantic behavior difference cued by one tiny and costless change in procedure. Yet in the middle of this golden age of behavioral research,

## The unexamined society

there is a bill working through Congress that would eliminate the National Science Foundation's Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences. This is exactly how budgets should not be balanced – by cutting cheap things that produce enormous future benefits.

Let's say you want to reduce poverty. We have two traditional understandings of poverty. The first presumes people are rational. They are pursuing their goals effectively and don't need much help in changing their behavior. The second presumes that the poor are afflicted by cultural or psychological dysfunctions that sometimes lead them to behave in shortsighted ways. Neither of these theories has produced much in the way of effective policies.

Eldar Shafir of Princeton and Sendhil Mullainathan of Harvard have recently, with federal help, been exploring a third theory, that scarcity produces its own cognitive traits.

A quick question: What is the starting taxi fare in your city? If you are like most upper-middle-class people, you don't know. If you are like many struggling people, you do know.

Poorer people have to think hard about a million things that affluent people don't. They have to make complicated trade-offs when buying a carton of milk: If I buy milk, I can't afford orange juice. They have to decide which utility not to pay.

These questions impose enormous cognitive demands. The brain has limited capacities. If you increase demands on one sort of question, it performs less well on other sorts of questions. Shafir and Mullainathan gave batteries of tests to Indian sugar farmers. After they sell their harvest, they live in relative prosperity. During this season, the farmers do well on the IQ and other tests. But before the harvest, they live amid scarcity and have to think hard about a thousand daily deci-

sions. During these seasons, these same farmers do much worse on the tests. They appear to have lower IQs. They have more trouble controlling their attention. They are more shortsighted. Scarcity creates its own psychology.

Princeton students don't usually face extreme financial scarcity, but they do face time scarcity. In one game, they had to answer questions in a series of timed rounds, but they could borrow time from future rounds. When they were scrambling amid time scarcity, they were quick to borrow time, and they were nearly oblivious to the usurious interest rates the game organizers were charging. These brilliant Princeton kids were rushing to the equivalent of payday lenders, to their own long-term detriment.

Shafir and Mullainathan have a book coming out next year, exploring how scarcity – whether of time, money or calories (while dieting) – affects your psychology. They are also studying how poor people's self-perceptions shape behavior.

Many people don't sign up for the welfare benefits because they are intimidated by the forms. Shafir and Mullainathan asked some people at a Trenton soup kitchen to relive a moment when they felt competent and others to recount a neutral experience. Nearly half of the self-affirming group picked up an available benefits package afterward. Only 16 percent of the neutral group did.

People are complicated. We each have multiple selves, which emerge or don't depending on context. If we're going to address problems, we need to understand the contexts and how these tendencies emerge or don't emerge. We need to design policies around that knowledge. Cutting off financing for this sort of research now is like cutting off navigation financing just as Christopher Columbus hit the shoreline of the New World. □



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